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Cop Shoots Pit Bull in Front of Children, Dog Owner Cited

Police said Stone was cited for having a “vicious dog at large without tags”

By [Trina Orlando](#)

10/5/14: A Berkeley family says a police officer shot their dog in front of their kids. The dog survived. (Published Sunday, Oct 5, 2014)
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A west suburban woman has been cited after police shot her pit bull in front of her home Friday, but the woman says she's upset because the officer fired at the dog in front of her young children.

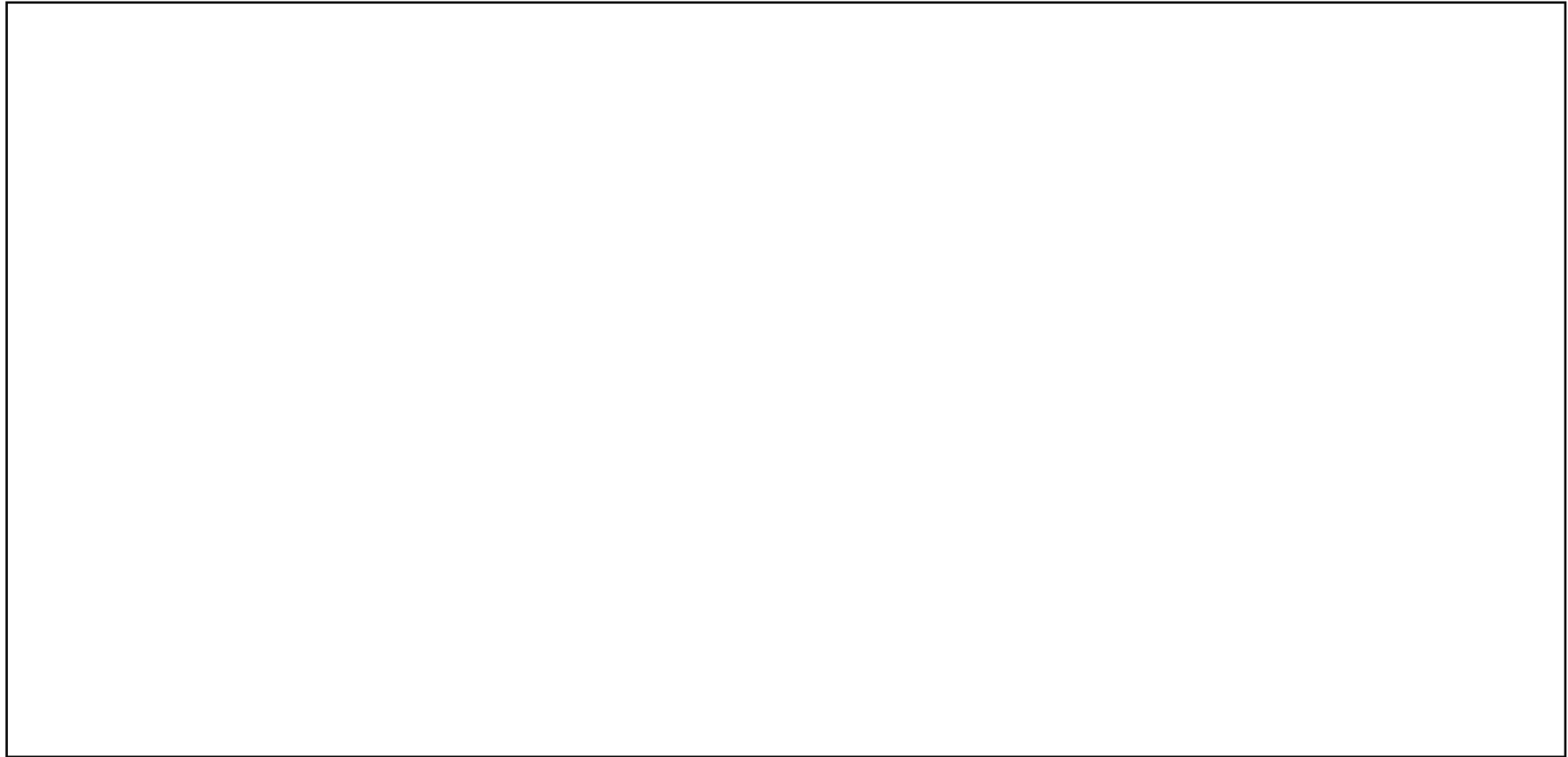
Gina Marie Stone said her 2-year-old pit bull was shot by Berkeley police Friday afternoon outside her Taft Avenue home.

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“When I was putting daughter’s clothes away I heard like a noise,” Stone said.

Stone said her two young children, ages 4 and 5, rushed inside and told her their

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family dog had been shot.

- **Family Says Dog Shot by Police in Front of 6-Year-Old Girl**

“The kids came in running like ‘The cops shot Rayleigh, they killed Rayleigh,’” she said.

Rayleigh survived the shooting and police took her to the DuPage Animal Hospital for treatment.

“It was reported by one of the callers that called our station that [the children] were using conduit pipe sticks, chasing after the dog and hitting it,” Patti said.

Police said the dog was on a grassy area between the sidewalk and the street when it was shot.

“The dog actually became aggressive towards the officer, lunged at him, got within close proximity and the officer had to protect himself,” Patti said.

Officials say Rayleigh is recovering from the gunshot wound but vet bills have since totaled roughly \$350. Police said Stone was cited for having a “vicious dog at large without tags.”

Police said an investigation into the shooting is ongoing and Patti said additional citations or charges could be filed.

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Steven Hirsh · Top Commenter · Senior Claims Attorney-surety at The Hanover Insurance Group

Sounds like and smells like another case of police overreaction to a pit bull. Don't know why the dog wasn't wearing a collar with tags and why/ how it was running loose in the street. All dog owner but especiaAlly pit bull owners need to be more aware and more responsible. Glad the dog and the children are ok. Owner should sue the police dept for damage to the dog, reckless endangerment of her children and infliction of emotional distress for shooting the dog in front of the children.

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

no that should be all dogs no one else needs to tkae more responbile the problem is police jump to assumption just as much as people who have no clue. i can't fault the dog for protecting itself.

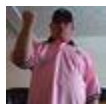
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Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

Owner got what they deserved. They should also be banned from owning dogs and cps called on them.

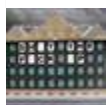
[Reply](#) · 9 · October 6 at 5:44am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Jim Murray Mahutga You don't get it jim this ht problem with you as a citizens you wouldn't dare call on golden or yellow lab you damn well know why. yet a yellow is know to bite more than pitbull. two KIDS CHASSING DOG HOW IS THAT THE DOG WAS AGGERSIEVED TO AN OFFICER YET NOT THE KIDS?

[Reply](#) · 3 · October 6 at 6:17am



Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

The Owner, By NOT being responsible got their dog killed, plain and simple. if you love your dog, you will keep it properly contained.

[Reply](#) · 6 · October 6 at 6:41am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Jim Murray Mahutga that's not the case dogs gt out on accident you people act like it nevre happens you people act like dogs should be locked up what many cases the dog shot in own fing yard

[Reply](#) · 1 · October 6 at 6:44am



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Jim Murray Mahutga Jim, please go back to Colleen and spread your hate message there. I know your cult buddies will soon reply. You did not read that the mother was defending the dog. She knew it was wrong to go outside. The issue here is the children being subjected to witnessing this action. We all want responsible dog owners but I would like people to be less ignorant. We both lose. And before the nutter comments start, I DO NOT OWN A PIT BULL. but I know ignorant when I see it.

Reply · · · · · 9 · October 6 at 6:49am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley i don't even own pits my dad owns dogs but there labs

Reply · · · · · 2 · October 6 at 7:04am



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Christopher F Cheney I'm just sick of people and the media on their reporting tactics. If a Lab or Golden attacks, headlines read "Dogs attack" & they are limited to species. When a Pit is PERCEIVED as vicious, headlines list the breed type. And the story said the officer FELT threatened. I do not care what he felt. I want facts. Every cop shooting case is based on an officer's feelings and it is all subjective.

Reply · · · · · 6 · October 6 at 7:20am



Michael Johnson

@Christopher F Cheney I'm afraid you don;t get it. First you tell Jim Murray how he reacts to some fictional scenario, and then, you assume this dog was excused from attacking the officer because the animal was "playing with children"? Your assumptions and fantasies are irrelevant to the known facts stated in the news account.. I am certain that you love your pit and I do hope you never have problems. But be certain of this. Myself and the majority of rational "citizens" of this country have had it with these dogs. And we are going to fix the "problem".

Reply · · · · · 5 · October 6 at 7:48am



Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Jim Murray Mahutga I see your reading comprehension has not improved. The dog is alive and recovering.

Reply · · · · · 4 · October 6 at 7:49am



Matt Collins · Top Commenter · Works at Retired

While I'm sure we don't have all the facts in this story, if the dog did get aggressive and lunge at the copper, perhaps they would have preferred to let the kids see the dog gnaw on the cops leg, instead of seeing it shot. If it was me, sorry the dog loses.

Reply · · · · · 5 · October 6 at 8:02am



Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Matt Collins You make a lot of assumptions based on hearsay. As the dog was not chewing



Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Matt Collins You make a lot of assumptions based on hearsay. As the dog was not chewing on anyone, it would seem you are generating a fictional scenario. Furthermore, I doubt you would know what the majority of rational citizens think. If you are correct, I am sure you must have documented sources to back it up.

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Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

Dogs, especially pitbulls shouldn't be getting out my accident. My dogs have NEVER gotten out!!!! Own a dog, be responsible.

[Reply](#) · [5](#) · October 6 at 9:44am



Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

Well said Matt! ! Idiots are always trying to make excuses for this breed.

[Reply](#) · [5](#) · October 6 at 9:47am



Matt Collins · Top Commenter · Works at Retired

Lynn Fredenburgh Perhaps you should reread my post. I said we don't have all the facts and I said "IF it got aggressive". You must be one of those pet owners that annoy me. The ones who think the animals are more important than people. I know, personally, one woman, who when asked, if her house caught fire, who would she save her 3 dogs or her kids, and she actually had to think about it.

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney
Aurora, Colorado

Population 339,030

Also in March, Aurora released statistical data showing a significant reduction in the volume of pit bull attacks and pit bulls euthanized after adopting a pit bull ban in 2005.

"Since the ban has been in place, bites are down 73 percent from pit bulls," said Cheryl Conway, a spokeswoman for the city's animal care division.

She described various problems the city encountered before enacting the ban in 2005 that included irresponsible owners letting the dogs run at large, and owners using pit bulls to taunt pedestrians.

She added that the dogs placed a tremendous burden on city staff. According to city documents, before the ordinance was enacted in 2005, up to 70 percent of kennels in the Aurora Animal Shelter were occupied by pit bulls with pending court disposition d...

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney



Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Myth #1: It's the owner not the T-rex

Myth # 2: It's impossible to identify a T-rex

Myth #3: Human-aggressive T-rex's were "culled"

Fatal attack statistics about T-rex's are false

The media conspiracy against T-Rex's

T-rex's are not unpredictable

T-Rex's do not have a locking jaw, they just eat you alive

T-Rex's used to be the most popular dinosaur in America

T-rex's pass the American Temperament Test

Punish the deed not the breed (of dinosaur)

T-rex's originally were "nanny dinosaurs"

T-rex's were once known as nanny dino's.

T-Rex's will lick you to death.

There's no need to muzzle and leash your T-Rex in the Doggy Park.

Don't forget to attend our 'Million T-Rex March' on The White House. President Obama loves T-Rex's and he thinks everyone should own one. Except him.

Its not an attack if the T-rex is wagging its tail.

There no bad T-rex's...only bad owners.

I've seen chihuahuas more aggressive than my T-Rex.

giggles

TSL has been proven not to work in Denver

Best babysitters ever....NOT

MY T-rex is the sweetest dino ever.

T.Rex's make the BEST Therapy Dinos ever. And are wonderful as Guide-Dinos for The Blind.

velociraptors bite more than T-rex's.

BIIND.

velociraptors bite more than T-rex's.

Let's set up a T-rex kissing booth for our kids.

Let's bring a T-rex into school and let the children read books to a perfectly trained T-rex

Let's bring our T-rex to the walk for the victims of T-rex's in Houston to show them they don't have to be afraid of T-rex's

T-rexBite dot org

Hey now...educate yourself guys.

My T-Rex likes coconuts!

you're all just racist against T-Rex's!!!

please leave t~Rex's alone my family had bred them for years and the only time i was bitten was by a pibble.

educate yourself you hater,I hope get mauled by a chihuahua.

t-rex make the best nanny dinosaur, its all how they are raised don't you know.

I will be posting this at the dinosaurs love kids and kids love dinosaurs.

don't you know the famous dinosaur barney?

president roosevelt had a dinosaur and fred flintstone.

helen keller had 25 of them.

wiggle tails?

educate yourself its haters like you that give dinosaurs a bad name.

come over to my house and meet my t-rex

awwww you really hurted my feelings, Im going to go eat worms!!

My brontosaurus bites and my T-Rex never does. In fact the T-Rex is scared of him!

T-rex only bite if they're trained to

my vet says t-rex is the only dinosaur that doesn't bite

I have 8 t-rex and I'm a vet tech

I'am a vet tech too and i have a therapy dinosaur, it reads to kids at schools

64 kids crawl all over my t-rex, and he's never shown aggression

Get the FACTS!!!

64 kids crawl all over my t-rex, and he's never shown aggression

Get the FACTS!!!

there's no such thing as a t-rex

people are so quick to label anything 20 ft tall with a 5 foot neck and muscular as a so called "t-rex"

all dinosaurs have teeth

Their are over 30 types of dinosaur mistaken for a T-Rex, not only that, their is a media conspiracy against them. T-Rex attack stories sell.

My T-Rex saved my life; he roared at a bit of smoke & we evacuated the house. Last week I read that a T-Rex killed a child; that is SO rubbish - there is no such thing as a T-Rex! Get educated! I'm so done with this - I'm going to feed my T... I mean my Giant Lizard. Goodbye!

t-rex aren't real. nothing is real.

omg u ppl r so ignorent!!!!!!! i had a terradactile an that little basturd was way meaner than my t-rex!!!!!! only ppl who fight t-rexes make them mean an bite so dont judge the hole bread just cuz a few buttwives train there dinos to attack i raise my t-rex with love an he kisses us all the time!!!!!! U PPL R RACIST AN U MAKE ME SICK!!!

t-rex built this great nation

ROTFLMAO!

You haters only have 153 likes. Our T-Rex breeders club has 4000! TAKE THAT, HATERS!!!

It's a nannysaurus!

Parents need to teach their brats proper kindness and respect around t-rex. ANY dinosaur has it's breaking point when TERRIFIED!!

Good news, T - Rex went extinct and no longer prey on communities.

T-Rex's are as safe as any other dinosaur. You guys are just racist.

more kids are injured falling down, so what are we going to ban falling down next?!!!

My T-Rex smiles at me every time I walk in the door. He even lets my two year old ride his tail. Was this T- Rex neutered??? This wouldn't happen if he was. Do not spew your hate towards MY T-Rex! Responsible T-Rex ownership 101. WE ARE WINNING. OUR T-REX'S ARE WINNING. SUCK IT HATERS

My T-rex pulled a baby from a burning building. He is the best nanny t rex god ever made. He wouldnt hurt a fly.

My T - Rex is an ambassador for the breed. He passed his T - Rex Good Citizenship test performed by my best friend and passed with flying colors. I bring him to dog parks and he is a perfect angel. He even loves cats!

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my t-rex is gorgeous and sweet but would defend me to the bitter end

It isn't my T-Rex you need to worry about; it's ME. They might have culled the man-biters out of HIS lizard-lineage, but they let them live in MY ancestors! Grrrrr!

sorry to have to report this but

my T-rex just killed my Dino dog, it had always been sweet and had never bit anyone before.

The -Rex will be going to the flintstone dinosaur rescue farm for unstable dinasaur's

My t-rex is tattooed on my *#@!

omg did you vagazzle it too!?

My T Rex lets my 5 year old put press on nails on him.

My t rex only wants to love and kiss you all over . Lmbo

see you later i am off to see the T-rex fights tonight.

The owners need to wash the T-rex's before the fight so that proves they are safe? right???

T Rex's are not fighting dinosaurs!!!!!! Please educate yourself about the bread!

blame the deed not the bread

my great granddaddy JP Colby bred game T-rex in the 1920's

all your fat over weight pigs have nothing on a real all american game bred T-rex.

Darn Dino mommys

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

About one pit bull in 107,000 will kill someone this year, compared to about one other dog in 1.4 million.

About one pit bull in 5,800 will disfigure someone, compared to about one other dog in 130,000.

About one pit bull in 107 will kill another animal, compared to about one other dog in about 50,000.

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Here's what dog behaviorist Dr. Radcliffe Robins has to say:

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Christopher F Cheney

Here's what dog behaviorist Dr. Radcliffe Robins has to say:

"Temperament is 100% genetic; it is inherited, and fixed at the moment of the dog's fertilization/conception/birth.

Temperament in the dog cannot be eliminated nor transformed from one type to another. It cannot change during the dog's lifetime. It is the permanent mental/neurological characteristic of the individual dog.

Environment, socialization or training can MODIFY the expression of an individual dog's temperament, but they cannot transform it nor eliminate it.

The dog will die with the temperament with which it was born."

The pit bull's unusual breeding history has produced some bizarre behavioral traits, described by The Economist's science editor in an article published a few years ago, at the peak of a heated British controversy over dangerous dogs that saw the pit bull banned in England.

First, the pit bull is quicker to anger than most dogs, probably due to the breed's unusually high level of the neurotransmitter L-tyrosine. Second, pit bulls are frighteningly tenacious; their attacks frequently last for 15 minutes or longer, and nothing—hoses, violent blows or kicks—can easily stop them.

That's because of the third behavioral anomaly: the breed's remarkable insensitivity to pain. Most dogs beaten in a fight will submit the next time they see the victor. Not a defeated pit bull, who will tear into his onetime vanquisher. This, too, has to do with brain chemistry. The body releases endorphins as a natural painkiller. Pit bulls seem extra-sensitive to endorphins and may generate higher levels of the chemical than other dogs. Endorphins are also addictive: "The dogs may be junkies, seeking pain so they can get the endorphin buzz they crave," The Economist suggests.

Finally, most dogs warn you before they attack, growling or barking to tell you how angry they are—"so they don't have to fight," ASPCA advisor and animal geneticist Stephen Zawistowski stresses.

Not the pit bull, which attacks without warning. Most dogs, too, will bow to signal that they want to frolic. Again, not the pit bull, which may follow an apparently playful bow with a lethal assault.

In short, contrary to the writings of Vicki Hearne, a well-known essayist on animals who—in a bizarre but emotionally charged confusion—equates breed-specific laws against pit bulls as a kind of "racist propaganda," the pit bull is a breed apart.

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Tom McCartney

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley

That's over 4,000 pit bull type dogs put to death in US animal shelters today as well as killed in dog fighting as is the case EVERY day of the year 365 days a year.

Oh yes indeed and today the world is a better and safer place for it being so.....Sigh.....it is so gratifying as well to know these mutant undogs will no longer be farting rainbows, green house gas emissions don't you know.

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That is what your pit bull type dog advocacy is accomplishing, how does that make you feel?, to be the shill of dog fighters as you provide them with the means to their end.!

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Mary Ann Redfern

Oooooooh, yeah. And if the children had been mauled by the pits, all of you nutters would be all over that lady wondering why the children were outside with the pit bull and calling her an irresponsible owner and saying the kids should not have been hitting the pit with sticks. Your extreme desire to defend pit bulls has turned your brains to jelly.

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Leann Norman · Top Commenter

Keep the dog put up . if the dog would have attacked ppl like you would be blaming the mother .

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley I agree with you no one would care if yellow lab or golden was being chased at all

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Leann Norman its not that you people are quick to judge base of nothing you don't know damn thing if the dog attack why didn't attack the kids why did aggersive go after officers? it doesn't add up. aggersive wouldn't run away from kids

[Reply](#) · [1](#) · October 6 at 11:16am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney Tom you know that other dogs have killed other pitbulls clearly not base of your post. your beyond ignorant

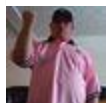
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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney i don't care what some random guy i never meet who not vet not groomer not an animal person who understand body launaged safe it.

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney explain to me why a golden retriever killed baby boy where the outrage oh that right.... golden reterivers are innocnet

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney numbers are a lie no everything reported everything reported pitbullsd numbers are not close of being true they get the wrong bread. but go ahead tom put infomation without links shows how clueless you really are. its people you i cannot stand

[Reply](#) · 2 · October 6 at 11:20am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney myths of pitbulls lock law no pitbull are raise aggersived no they only attack no.... there no such thing as a bad dog but bad owner its people like you who are the issue. replace this pitbull with yellow lab and tell me the cops would of show up and killed it? I DOUBT IT.

[Reply](#) · 1 · October 6 at 11:21am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney i can tell you the infomation you get is a bunch bs and i can grauntee the site your using is a bunch of lies. pitbullfacts.org or whatever its called... its not true nor will ever be. the women is a liar

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Matt Collins where the facts the dog didn't lunged if dog it would of attack those kids

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

What i clearly do know is that there were over 45,000 people, pets and livestock killed by dogs in the US last year, that is fact, each instance confirmed and over 98% of the time it was a pit bull type dog doing the killing, that is a Fact on the ground.!

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Is English your 4th or 5th language in priority of articulaity.?

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

No Golden killed anyone unless you are talking about something decades ago, no matter



Christopher F Cheney

No Golden killed anyone unless you are talking about something decades ago, no matter one anomaly is moot, constant proven genetic outcomes of the pit bull type dog is a fact and a reality!!!

[Reply](#) · 1 · October 6 at 12:00pm



Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Myth #7: Pit bulls do not have a locking jaw

Pro-pit bull groups continuously attempt to debunk the pit bull "locking jaw" expression that is often used by the media and the public. A pit bull's jaw may not physically lock, but due to selective breeding for a specific bite style -- to hold on and to shake indefinitely -- we consistently hear in news reports that the dog "would not let go." DogsBite.org has recorded numerous tools used to try to get a pit bull to release its grip including: shotguns, hammers, baseball bats and pipes.

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

If it was a lab there would have been no reason to kill it as it would have simply sat there wagging it's tail.

“MEAN OWNERS” MAKE DOGS AGGRESSIVE

The Myth:

When a fighting breed injures or kills a human or pet, advocates say “it’s not the breed, it’s the owner.” They claim that dogs only act aggressively if abused or mistreated.

The Reality:

Many breeds of dogs suffer a lifetime of pain and mistreatment without behaving aggressively. Examples include laboratory Beagles, cart-pulling dogs (pre-20th century), and the millions of street dogs living today all over the third world.

About half of dogs that kill humans are indoor, middle-class family pets with no history of being abused or neglected. Most police investigations conclude that the owner did not contribute to the dog’s aggression through mistreatment of any sort.

As a rule, dogs involved in violent incidents act very differently from abused dogs. Abused animals have a tendency to avoid conflict. They usually only bite when they are cornered and perceive that they have to defend themselves. This is called “fear biting”. They rarely inflict damage worse than a puncture wound. They do not escape from leashes, scale fences, or jump off of second floor balconies to launch an attack. They do not chase people or animals down to bite or maul them. Behaviors associated with abuse are actually considered “bold” behaviors that are rooted not in abuse, but in the dog’s own genetics.

Current research shows that animal behavior is primarily guided by instincts predetermined by their genetic profile or inherited traits. Socialization and training account for only a fraction of how a dog will react to strangers or family members. Nevertheless, using none-harsh training techniques remains one of the first lines of defense against generating aggression in

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Dogsbite.org is a highly reliable site on this issue, i suggest going to Dogsbite.org as it is the clearing house for all relevant information and statistics for factual corroborated truths by animal and canine experts on this important public safety issue .
One stop shopping so to speak.

Dog bite website defends its credentials

Re: Punish aggressive behaviour of individual dogs, not the breed, Opinion, Sept. 18

The co-authors of the article falsely state Vancouver Sun columnist Stephen Hume "bases his facts and statistics on data that is neither peer reviewed nor published in scientific publications, and is therefore unreliable."

The co-authors then cite DogsBite.org as one source of Hume's data.

Both authors ignored the peer-reviewed scientific study Hume wrote about in his article: Mortality, mauling, and maiming by vicious dogs, by John K. Bini, MD, et al., published in the Annals of Surgery in April 2011.

Pit bull injury data from DogsBite.org is cited in several areas of this study. Hume indisputably relied upon peer-reviewed data and Dogs-Bite dot org data has been published in a peer-reviewed scientific publication.

The pair next state: "This American-based group is run by an attack victim whose only agenda is to exterminate what it considers to be 'dangerous breeds.'"

DogsBite.org is a tax-exempt public charity organization with a board of directors, advisers and volunteers with the following mission: "A national dog bite victims' group dedicated to reducing serious dog attacks."

Hume got it right.

Colleen Lynn President and founder, DogsBite.org

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Re: Letter to the editor, Breed-specific language 'inherently flawed and does not work,' Burnaby NOW, Sept. 10, 2013.
Dear Editor:

DogsBite.org advocates on behalf of victims of serious dog attacks. The United States-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization also tracks U.S. dog bite fatalities, dog bite injury studies, jurisdictions with breed-specific laws and appellate court rulings that uphold these laws.

Statistical data from DogsBite.org is cited in the peer-reviewed scientific medical study:

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Colleen Lynn
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Austin, TX

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

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By Colleen Lynn Guest columnist
May 24, 2013

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Orlando Sentinel

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Christopher F Cheney

Rubbish, Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite.org compile dog attack incidents reported by the mainstream media where all aspects of said attack including confirming it was a pit bull type dog is done by first responders, animal and dog experts who are actually there, their stats are impeccably researched and compiled to accurately reflect the reality of the danger that is the pit bull type dog.

Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite dot org amasses data from media reports of dog attacks, media reports are a traditionally well respected, bona fide source for epidemiologists and historians of every subject on earth. Researchers in 39 countries had uncovered the same data Clifton et al have, and arrived at similar conclusions about pit bulls.

If Clifton is a fraud, how come insurance companies and 35 other countries that ban pit bulls in some jurisdictions and who did not rely on Clifton's statistics all came to the same conclusions? Cooper is trying to suggest that only "epidemiologists" have the right to speak on this issue. But as Merritt says, it is actuarial tables that are important, and therefore Cooper is barking up the wrong tree.

Sadly one does not even have to search for the many attacks of these savage mutant undog's on humans and pets, there are literally hundreds of new incidents every day carried out by these disgusting creatures, here is another.

These are all major daily newspapers and network TV station accurate factual reports with direct access to Doctors, ER's Animal control officers, Police, the victims family, witnesses, the guilty pit nutters, all in news reports from major city newspapers and TV stations, as legit therefore as it possibly can be.

There is only one breed that has every been or is a threat to public safety and that is the pit bull, the sooner they are exterminated the sooner tragic attacks like the one below will be ended.

Ban the breed and end the deed.

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney



Tom McCartney

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One the word is Breed not Bread and two you are hereby educated:

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY A PIT BULL

The legal definition of a pit bull is a class of dogs that includes American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American bulldog and any other pure bred or mixed breed dog that is a combination of these dogs, dogsbite dot org says. Weight and shape can vary significantly among pit bulls from 35 to 100 or more pounds.

Dogsbite dot org also says scientific proof of a dog's breed is not required to enforce breed-specific laws nor is it required to properly identify a dog breed. "Misidentification tricks and theatrics were constructed by pro-pit bull and animal welfare groups and endure today for one class of dogs only: pit bulls," it says.

More than 700 communities nationwide have enacted pit bull ordinances and several have claimed on dogsbite dot org that their legislation has made their communities safer.

The Myth:

No one can correctly identify a pit bull. Fighting breed advocates claim that most people shown a collage of dog photos online can't tell which one is the pit bull.

The Reality:

A recent ASPCA study in Virginia revealed that 93% of shelter workers were able to properly identify a "pit bull," meaning one of the three closely-related (or identical) breeds above.

Many pit bull advocate groups post a collage of dog pictures online and ask the public to "identify the pit bull".

What the public does not know is that the majority of dogs pictured are shot from camera angles deliberately designed to mislead. In addition, they show heads only, so size cannot be considered—this would not be the case when seeing the dog in real life.

They also feature many rare breeds that are related to pit bulls, but which are extremely uncommon in the United States (e.g., the Dogue de Bordeaux, Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog, and Ca de Bou).

And one of the dog breeds that is included is an American Staffordshire Terrier which is the exact same breed as the American Pit Bull Terrier, but registered with another organization.

It should also be noted that many humane societies offer discounts on spaying/neutering of pit bulls. If pit bulls are so difficult to identify, then how do shelter workers identify who qualifies for the discount?

There are also many pit bull rescues with the term "pit bull" in the organization name. How do these groups know which dogs to rescue?

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Lynn Fredenburgh

Dogsbite.org is a highly reliable site on this issue, i suggest going to Dogsbite.org as it is the clearing house for all relevant information and statistics for factual corroborated truths by animal and canine experts on this important public safety issue .
One stop shopping so to speak.

[Reply](#) · [1](#) · October 6 at 6:31pm



Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

Dog bite website defends its credentials

Re: Punish aggressive behaviour of individual dogs, not the breed, Opinion, Sept. 18
The co-authors of the article falsely state Vancouver Sun columnist Stephen Hume "bases his facts and statistics on data that is neither peer reviewed nor published in scientific publications, and is therefore unreliable."

The co-authors then cite DogsBite.org as one source of Hume's data.
Both authors ignored the peer-reviewed scientific study Hume wrote about in his article: Mortality, mauling, and maiming by vicious dogs, by John K. Bini, MD, et al., published in the Annals of Surgery in April 2011.

Pit bull injury data from DogsBite.org is cited in several areas of this study. Hume indisputably relied upon peer-reviewed data and Dogs-Bite dot org data has been published in a peer-reviewed scientific publication.

The pair next state: "This American-based group is run by an attack victim whose only agenda is to exterminate what it considers to be 'dangerous breeds.'"
DogsBite.org is a tax-exempt public charity organization with a board of directors, advisers and volunteers with the following mission: "A national dog bite victims' group dedicated to reducing serious dog attacks."
Hume got it right.

Colleen Lynn President and founder, DogsBite.org

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Mary Ann Redfern

We are the majority. Stay in your pit bull bubble and you will continue to not know what is going on in the USA.

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Tom McCartney Sure Tom. I'll stop DBO for a cup of facts, then I will go the food shop at the gas station for a good steak. One stop shopping, right?

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

A lab killed a human? So if this hypocrite is so upset over one death. Surely he'd be out ragged by just the 26 deaths by pits this year ALONE? Nah I didn't think so, the same rules don't apply to those fugly monsters, just NON PITBULLS. Can we all say PITBULLSHITTER.

[Reply](#) · [2](#) · October 7 at 6:16am



Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

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Burnaby NOW, Sept. 10, 2013.

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Orlando Sentinel

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Michael Johnson no what you don't get is you think all pitbulls should be locked or died cause you here stories yet you people don't get the real truth and listen to myths i have been dogs my whole fmg life. i know what speak on dogs. i have never been bitten by one or scared by one. cause unlike some of you i can read dog launaged and i help dog and help dad's girlfirned dogs off a high way...

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Mary Ann Redfern no your not not even close your in minotory your stupid your clueless your a hateful group who judges pitbull by bad owners and not the real truth you have even look in dig for the right answer cause you don't want to know so explain to me why the dog never attack the kids? but went after officer? explain hunny come on...

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[Reply](#) · 1 · October 7 at 8:29pm



James Merman · Computer Technician at Forward Edge

Jim Murray Mahutga you are an idiot who can not, and i guarantee it, back up any of your argument with fact

[Reply](#) · 2 · October 7 at 9:14pm



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[Reply](#) · 1 · October 8 at 8:21am



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[Reply](#) · October 8 at 8:59am



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Mary Ann Redfern LOL!

[Reply](#) · 1 · October 8 at 9:25am



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Luke & Babette's Big "Pitbull" Lobby Finally a non-idiot. There's a saying, tell yourself a lie long enough, you will begin to think it to be true. This is exactly what this hate cult has done. What's worse than believing all Pits are bad, they have allowed the public to lower their guard on other dogs that have the potential to be dangerous if not already..

[Reply](#) · 2 · October 8 at 10:53am



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Don't know why Tom McCartney likes this comment as he is part of the problem. Just to clear it up for you Tom, this comment is directed at ineptitude of [dogsbite.org](#).

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Pitbulls-Just Say No

If the owner wouldn't have allowed the dog to run loose, the police wouldn't have had to shoot the dog in the interest of public safety. It's the owners fault it had to be done in front of the kids but it was better than the dog being allowed to hurt someone or someone's pet. Because of the incredible damage a loose pit can cause, it is NOT overreaction for people or the police to be concerned. The dog owner should be billed for the police time to have to deal with her dog.

[Reply](#) · 15 · October 6 at 1:08am



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Yes, the owner is at fault for the loose dog. But it is ignorant to assume that because it was a Pit it would automatically cause damage or hurt someone. How do you claim a dog running away from children is vicious? Personally public safety is worse when you think a Pit is the only dog that can cause damage. Perhaps you can chat up the 64 yr old woman that was working in her garden and was mauled by Labs and Beagle mixes if she is out of the hospital yet.

[Reply](#) · 16 · October 6 at 7:03am



Steven Hirsh · Top Commenter · Senior Claims Attorney-surety at The Hanover Insurance Group

Love how u ignore the facts and go off on a tangent. Cops are covering up, only place they found blood was in the front yard.

[Reply](#) · 11 · October 6 at 7:15am



Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

When confronted by police the dog acted aggressive, end of story. Speaking of maulings, how about the woman killed by her pitbull last week or the 8 year old girl that had her arm torn off by a pitbull, and the list goes on and on.

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Elatia Grimshaw · Top Commenter

It's gotten to the point where dogs need to wear bullet proof vests and helmets.

[Reply](#) · 12 · October 5 at 7:02pm



Keith Jones · Top Commenter · Montevallo, Alabama

GREAT!!!

[Reply](#) · October 6 at 2:13pm



Toni Dikowski



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Toni Pikowski

When you let your dog run at large it is your fault if something like this happens. The police do not have to tolerate your aggressive dog. When a dog lunges at you in an aggressive manner, it is not an assumption or over reaction, the dog IS being aggressive. When it's running at large, it does not matter why it is being aggressive. Most scared dogs just run away, not lunge and try to bite. It is good that the owner was cited and this animal should be declared dangerous. Despite what many of the commenters think, your dog does not have the right to run loose. I commend the officers for doing their duty and keeping the public and themselves safe.

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Marco Escudero · Top Commenter · Project Coordinator at CCB Construction Group

Sometimes animals get loose. It happens. If your kids get away from you in the store does that give me the right to punch them in the face?

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Tom McCartney

Marco Escudero

One of the most common pitfalls, i say is anthropomorphising (attributing human characteristics to our pets).

Humans are cognitive sentient beings with a capacity to determine it's actions, dogs are not, they only know and are what goes in one end and goes out the other, simple as that, that is all they care about period.!!!

Comparing a Human being to a dog is like comparing one to a snail.

Man was made in Gods image, nothing else, no other animal is even in the same category.!!!!

Because people are individuals with unique capacities to act for good or evil, a dog is a breed or type with a generic genetic reality and truth with a generic outcome the same as a wolf, a wolverine, a tiger, cougar etc.

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Tom McCartney first of all god is a fairy tale. Second humans will eventually will bring our own Extinction event because of people who think like you. My dog is more behaved than 90% of the children I run into out in public. Humans have no right going around killing other species of animals.

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[Reply](#) · 11 · October 5 at 7:56pm



Carryn Cuttill Steinbeck · Top Commenter · Wisc Oshkosh

I would like to see the dash cam video of the children running in the street and why was there no mention of other things..... We know what, I'm sure it's a threat if she does something they are going to press "additional" charges.

[Reply](#) · 7 · Edited · October 5 at 8:20pm



Wilfrød Møjia

Take pics of all of it , gather testimony , witnesses , and take these animals (cops) to court.

[Reply](#) · 7 · October 5 at 8:41pm



David Orth · Top Commenter · Madison High

If the kids had been bitten, everyone would have blamed the mother for leaving the kids unsupervised.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

So she lets her pit dog get loose and lunge at people, it gets shot and still the PIT BULL DOG DOES NOT HAVE A COLLAR AND TAGS and just lounging around outside UNLEASHED. Pit bull owners are morons.

[Reply](#) · 10 · October 6 at 1:24am



Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

IT LUNGED IT WAS BEING CASHED BY KIDS WITH A MEDAL STICK DO YOU PEOPLE LISTEN TO ANYTHING?

[Reply](#) · 1 · October 6 at 6:19am



Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney
Ottumwa, Iowa

Population 24,998

In July 2010, Police Chief Jim Clark said there had been no recorded pit bull attacks since the city's 2003 pit bull ban. Between 1989 and 2003, the city had a pit bull ordinance, but still allowed pit bulls as "guard" dogs.

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"In the two-and-a-half years before the 2003 ban, Ottumwa police recorded 18 pit bull attacks, including the death of 21-month-old Charlee Shepherd in August 2002. There were at least three other attacks on children during this time."

Little Rock, Arkansas

Population 189,515

When the City of Indianapolis was discussing a pit bull sterilization law in April 2009, Little Rock Animal Services Director Tracy Roark spoke about Little Rock's successful 2008 pit bull ordinance:

"There was a day when you could walk down any street in center city Little Rock, you could see several pit bulls chained up. You don't see that anymore," said Tracy Roark with Little Rock Animal Services.

Roark told Eyewitness News over the phone that pit bull attacks have been cut in half and credits their new law with getting them there.

"This is the most abused dog in the city," said Roark.

The Little Rock law passed last year and requires pit bulls to be sterilized, registered and microchipped. Also dogs - regardless of the breed - are also not allowed to be chained up outside."

Fort Lupton, Colorado

Population 6,787

When the City of Fort Collins was mulling a pit bull law in March 2009, Fort Lupton's Police Chief spoke about Fort Lupton's successful 2003 pit bull ban, including zero pit bull biting incidents since the law's adoption:

"Fort Lupton Police Chief Ron Grannis said the city hasn't had a pit bull bite since the ban was enacted, but it still has the occasional pit bull that is picked up and taken away.

Although he said the ban has not been well-received by every resident, he thinks it was the right decision for the city.

"I believe it makes the community safer," he said. "That's my personal opinion. Pit bulls are not the kind of dogs most people should have. They are too unpredictable. ... These dogs have been bred for thousands of years to be fighters.

You can't take it out of them. A lion cub may be friendly for a while, but one day it can take your head off."

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

KEVIN COUTTS, Head Dog Ranger, Rotorua, New Zealand

There was concern among dog authorities about American pitbulls being allowed into New Zealand as they were dangerous, unpredictable animals, Mr Coutts said.

"A lot of people in this town get them because they are a staunch dog and they will fight. They are perceived as vicious ... It's frustrating they were ever allowed in the country ... we can't go back now though," Mr Coutts said.

COUTTS' comment on a pit car mauling

This sort of thing happens when people own this breed of dog and then don't look after them.

VICTORIA STILWELL, celebrity dog trainer

Presas are not to be fooled with, they're dangerous. You've got a fighting breed here. You've got a dog that was bred for fighting. You've got one of the most difficult breeds to handle.

CESAR MILAN, celebrity dog trainer

"Yeah, but this is a different breed...the power that comes behind bull dog, pit bull, presa canario, the fighting breed - They have an extra boost, they can go into a zone, they don't feel the pain anymore. He is using the bulldog in him, which is way too powerful, so we have to 'make him dog' (I guess as in a "regular" dog) so we can actually create the limits.

So if you are trying to create submission in a fighting breed, it's not going to happen. They would rather die than surrender.". If you add pain, it only infuriates them..to them pain is that adrenaline rush, they are looking forward to that, they are addicted to it...

That's why they are such great fighters." Cesar goes on to say..."Especially with fighting breeds, you're going to have these explosions over and over because there's no limits in their brain."

GARRETT RUSSO, dog trainer

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I estimate Medical & Veterinary bills related to injuries caused by pit bulls in the Tompkins Square dog run in 2011, \$140,000.00. Estimated Medical (human) & Veterinary (canine) bills from all other breeds and mixed breeds combined during the same period, \$5,000.00. (Estimate gathered from reports to by owners to the dog park association.)

STEVE DUNO, dog trainer, pit bull owner

"The dogs that participated in these attacks weren't Pekingese. You don't have herds of Pekingese roaming the city attacking people. When someone says all breeds are created equal, well then they're denying the definition of what a breed is. Breed serves a particular purpose."

"I like them. They're eager. They're athletic. They're aesthetically pleasing. But even if they're bred perfectly, they can be problematic, particularly with other dogs."

"When you combine the breed specific behaviors ... with owners who either don't give a rip, or with owners who (have) too much dog, you have a problem."

JEAN DONALDSON, dog trainer

Most commonly, she sees dogs with aggression problems. While she's a fierce opponent of "breed bans" like the proposed outlawing of pit bulls that San Francisco debated two years ago, she believes it's undeniable that some breeds are predisposed to violence.

Many breeds that were bred as guardians or fighting dogs were carefully designed to not like strangers, she says. She thinks it's disingenuous of breeders to further enhance this trait, and then expect owners to compensate with training.

ARLENE STERLING, Newaygo County, MI Chief Animal Control Officer

"It is genetically inbred in them to be aggressive. They can be very nice dogs, but they are very prey driven and they are extremely strong. It makes them high risk dogs and it makes them extremely dangerous."

BOB KERRIDGE, New Zealand SPCA executive director

"That is the only real way to solve this problem - is to license owners and to give them the responsibility that goes with owning a dog. It would be extremely useful when you have a neighbour who is concerned about that dog next door. You can look at it and see they don't have a license and take it away. That's owner responsibility."

"We led the charge to stop the importation of the pitbull because of the concerns they would be crossbred with other dogs... But there's not a lot we can do about that because it's happened. We wish someone had listened all those years ago."

JIM CROSBY, pit bull hired gun

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MELANIE PFEIFFER, veterinary assistant

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Working in a veterinary hospital, you are exposed to all kinds of animal trauma. One of the more common ones is dog fights. I can honestly say that in three out of four cases, an American pit bull terrier is involved. Many times, we are able to save the life of the afflicted, but yesterday, we were not.

I propose that all owned American pit bull terriers be registered and all breeding be halted indefinitely. How many mutilated faces, mangled limbs, butchered pets and even human deaths does it take to convince us that this breed needs to be phased out?

DIANE JESSUP, Washington pit bull owner and expert

"It's not sensible to get an animal bred for bringing a 2,000-pound bull to its knees and say I'm going to treat this like a soft-mouth Labrador," says Jessup, the former animal-control officer. She blames novice owners, as much as actual criminals, for bringing the breed into disrepute. "It's a capable animal, and it's got to be treated as such."

JOHN ROCKHOLT, South Carolina dogman

"It's inhumane not to allow them to fight. If you have to encourage them to fight they are not worth the powder it would take to blow them away. To never allow them any kind of combat...That's inhumane."

RAY BROWN, former pit bull owner, breeder, dog fighter

Pit bulls didn't become dangerous because we fight them; we fight them because the English specifically bred them to be dangerous.

MARK PAULHUS, HSUS southeast regional coordinator

If it chooses to attack, it's the most ferocious of all dogs. I've never known of a pit bull that could be called off (during a fight). They lose themselves in the fight.

F.L. DANTZLER, HSUS director of field services

"They're borderline dogs. They're right on the edge all of the time. Even if the dogs are not trained or used for fighting, and even though they are generally good with people, their bloodline makes them prone to violence."

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Save Mickey the gator!!!

An alligator named Mickey killed a pit bull in FL and now he is being unfairly hunted. Eyewitnesses said the pit bull tried taking Mickey's bone. Where were the parents? This is not Mickey's fault!

He was just doing what alligators do.

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Blame the hater, not the gator!!!

I'm so tired of ignorant people saying bad things about certain reptiles based on the way they look.

I bet you don't even own one, because if you did you would see they are the sweetest things. My gator protects my children and my pit bull!

I've had alligators for years! The children climb on them and the alligators slurp them lovingly.

One even lets my 2 year old brush it's teeth!!

We found our newest baby gator at a "kiss the alligator" event.

There are so many misunderstud alligators out there - all they need is love, people!! Just last week, my oldest gator saved my grand kids from bees! You people are all haters, get yourselves a REEL pet and stop spreading lies!!

A children's book I'm working on - "Want Me to Wash Your Back?" Hoping to dispel some of the unfair gator myths.

Gators are a great source of fun in the bathtub.

Some go on to become service gators, helping the elderly and disabled to bathe when they cannot care for themselves.

It's clearly reptileism, Poor Ripples

It's all in how you raise them.

Cecil my Gator would just lick you to death.

My Cecil is a Certified Serpent Good Citizen.

All the man eating gators were culled.

Our other gator "Huggy" with our daughter Modeen.

He is a rescue gator. When the kids were small, they used Huggy as a trampoline.

He is so mellow, he never even flinched... he wouldn't hurt anyone.

Once they accidentally set him on fire with a flame thrower. and he didn't even bite them very much at all.

Huggy our gator on vacation with us in the grand canyon in 1996. He loves getting dressed up and having his nails painted to match his wardrobe.

We took him everywhere with us until he accidentally ate an usher at the movie theater. (It wasn't his fault, he was startled by that MGM lion roaring at the beginning of the picture.)

This kind of thing ticks me off.

Very sad BUT the kid was obviously taunting the gator with bait on a stick before this happened. If the parents had taught this kid some manners, this might not have happened.

Daily Mirror: Crocodile eats 11-year-old boy alive as he fishes with his parents

Gator isn't even a bread.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-Mickey-The-Gator/1463815607228212>

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Reply](#) · [1](#) · October 6 at 10:57am**Matt Bryant** · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Tom McCartney as a driver, i think stupid, slow, dangerous bicyclists are a huge danger and should be banned.

[Reply](#) · [1](#) · October 6 at 11:27am**Christopher F Cheney** · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Tom McCartney you cannot compare a domestic animal with a wild one

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Christopher F Cheney

Dogs are not humans, there is every reason to be threatened by a pit bull just because of what it is, no different then it would be to feel threatened by ANY bear, lion, tiger, wolverine, cobra etc. that you encountered, if they charged you then there would be justification to kill any of them if you were carrying, same thing with a pit bull, any pit pit bull.

You can no more be biased or prejudiced against any pit bull then you can be so against any bear, lion, tiger, wolverine, cobra etc. so that is an absurd argument on the part of the nutters.

That 6% of the dog population carries out 70%+ of the killings, mauling, crippling, disfiguring and dismembering attacks to such a disproportionate extent speaks for itself and to the genetic truth and reality that exists in any pit bull type dog, it is what it is and does what is in it's DNA. This has been bred into them over 600 years and is their truth, they must therefore become extinct.

Any other dog will bite and run giving you a few stitches, a pit bull will not stop till you are DEAD. What about that do you not understand, the difference between another dog's bite and a pit bull's mauling and dismembering, disfiguring and killing.

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Christopher F Cheney

Simply put, border collies do not herd sheep because they are raised on sheep farms; rather, they are raised on sheep farms because they herd. In addition pointers point, retrievers retrieve, and mastiffs guard, all because those traits are part of their breed expectations, meaning strong and continuous selection in the underlying breeding program "

Simply put Pit bulls do not attack because they are raised with dog fighters and drug dealers, dog fighters and drug dealers use pit bulls because they attack!

It is their nature, their genetic truth and reality.!!

It is not how you raise them rather it is simply what they are.!!

Just like sled dogs run and pull, it is just their nature.!

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A pit bull type dog is what it is and does what it is. You can no more alter its genetic makeup then you can a collie to herd, a hound to track, a retriever's to retrieve, a lab to swim, a pointer to point, a sled dog to run and pull.

They do what they are and a pit bull type dog is a mauling violent killer that has been bred to be a land shark, nothing you do can change that, even if you have them from birth.

No matter if you love them, or how you nurture, train, rehabilitate, raise them optimally as normal dogs from birth, you can not change their Genetic reality to Kill, Maul, Maim, Disfigure, Dismember, cause Life Flights or trips to the Intensive Care Unit.

For over 600 years the current pit bull type dog was brought into being through careful selective genetic breeding to create the most violent murderous fighting dog possible

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

All pit bull type dogs are unfit to interact with the human race, unless the mutant undogs are stuffed or in a zoo.

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

Myth #1: It's the owner not the T-rex

Myth # 2: It's impossible to identify a T-rex

Myth #3: Human-aggressive T-rex's were "culled"

Fatal attack statistics about T-rex's are false

The media conspiracy against T-Rex's

T-rex's are not unpredictable

T-Rex's do not have a locking jaw, they just eat you alive

T-Rex's used to be the most popular dinosaur in America

T-rex's pass the American Temperament Test

Punish the deed not the breed (of dinosaur)

T-rex's originally were "nanny dinosaurs"

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T-Rex's will lick you to death.

There's no need to muzzle and leash your T-Rex in the Doggy Park.

Don't forget to attend our 'Million T-Rex March' on The White House. President Obama loves T-Rex's and he thinks everyone should own one. Except him.

Its not an attack if the T-rex is wagging its tail.

There no bad T-rex's...only bad owners.

I've seen chihuahuas more aggressive than my T-Rex.

giggles

TSL has been proven not to work in Denver

Best babysitters ever....NOT

MY T-rex is the sweetest dino ever.

T.Rex's make the BEST Therapy Dinos ever. And are wonderful as Guide-Dinos for The Blind.

velociraptors bite more than T-rex's.

Let's set up a T-rex kissing booth for our kids.

Let's bring a T-rex into school and let the children read books to a perfectly trained T-rex

Let's bring our T-rex to the walk for the victims of T-rex's in Houston to show them they don't have to be afraid of T-rex's

T-rexBite dot org

Hey now...educate yourself guys.

My T-Rex likes coconuts!

you're all just racist against T-Rex's!!!

please leave t~Rex's alone my family had bred them for years and the only time i was bitten was by a pibble.

educate yourself you hater,I hope get mauled by a chihuahua.

t-rex make the best nanny dinosaur, its all how they are raised don't you know.

I will be posting this at the dinosaurs love kids and kids love dinosaurs.

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don't you know the famous dinosaur barney?

president roosevelt had a dinosaur and fred flintstone.

helen keller had 25 of them.

wiggle tails?

educate yourself its haters like you that give dinosaurs a bad name.

come over to my house and meet my t-rex

awww you really hurted my feelings, Im going to go eat worms!!

My brontosaurus bites and my T-Rex never does. In fact the T-Rex is scared of him!

T-rex only bite if they're trained to

my vet says t-rex is the only dinosaur that doesn't bite

I have 8 t-rex and I'm a vet tech

I'am a vet tech too and i have a therapy dinosaur, it reads to kids at schools

64 kids crawl all over my t-rex, and he's never shown aggression

Get the FACTS!!!

there's no such thing as a t-rex

people are so quick to label anything 20 ft tall with a 5 foot neck and muscular as a so called "t-rex"

all dinosaurs have teeth

Their are over 30 types of dinosaur mistaken for a T-Rex, not only that, their is a media conspiracy against them. T-Rex attack stories sell.

My T-Rex saved my life; he roared at a bit of smoke & we evacuated the house. Last week I read that a T-Rex killed a child; that is SO rubbish - there is no such thing as a T-Rex! Get educated! I'm so done with this - I'm going to feed my T... I mean my Giant Lizard. Goodbye!

t-rex aren't real. nothing is real.

omg u ppl r so ignorent!!!!!!! i had a terradactle an that little basturd was way meaner than my t-rex!!!!!! only ppl who fight t-rexes make them mean an bite so dont judge the hole bread just cuz a few buttwipes train there dinos to attack i raise my t-rex with love an he kisses us all the time!!!!!! U PPL R RACIST AN U MAKE ME SICK!!!

t-rex built this great nation

ROTEI MAOI

t-rex built this great nation

ROTFLMAO!

You haters only have 153 likes. Our T-Rex breeders club has 4000! TAKE THAT, HATERS!!!

It's a nannysaurus!

Parents need to teach their brats proper kindness and respect around t-rex. ANY dinosaur has it's breaking point when TERRIFIED!!

Good news, T - Rex went extinct and no longer prey on communities.

T-Rex's are as safe as any other dinosaur. You guys are just racist.

more kids are injured falling down, so what are we going to ban falling down next?!!!

My T-Rex smiles at me every time I walk in the door. He even lets my two year old ride his tail. Was this T- Rex neutered??? This wouldn't happen if he was. Do not spew your hate towards MY T-Rex! Responsible T-Rex ownership 101. WE ARE WINNING. OUR T-REX'S ARE WINNING. SUCK IT HATERS

My T-rex pulled a baby from a burning building. He is the best nanny t rex god ever made. He wouldnt hurt a fly.

My T - Rex is an ambassador for the breed. He passed his T - Rex Good Citizenship test performed by my best friend and passed with flying colors. I bring him to dog parks and he is a perfect angel. He even loves cats!

my t-rex is gorgeous and sweet but would defend me to the bitter end

It isn't my T-Rex you need to worry about; it's ME. They might have culled the man-biters out of HIS lizard-lineage, but they let them live in MY ancestors! Grrrrr!

sorry to have to report this but

my T-rex just killed my Dino dog, it had always been sweet and had never bit anyone before.

The -Rex will be going to the flintstone dinosaur rescue farm for unstable dinasaur's

My t-rex is tattooed on my *#@!

omg did you vagazzle it too!?

My T Rex lets my 5 year old put press on nails on him.

My t rex only wants to love and kiss you all over . Lmbo

see you later i am off to see the T-rex fights tonight.

The owners need to wash the T-rex's before the fight so that proves they are safe? right???

T Rex's are not fighting dinosaurs!!!!!! Please educate yourself about the bread!

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blame the deed not the bread

my great granddaddy JP Colby bred game T-rex in the 1920's

all your fat over weight pigs have nothing on a real all american game bred T-rex.

Darn Dino mommys

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Tom McCartney

Christopher F Cheney

True, wild animals are safer!!!!

There was 5 fatal shark attacks around the world in all of 2013.

There was 1 fatal bear attack in the U.S in all of 2013.

There was 0 fatal alligator attacks in the U.S in all of 2013.

There was 2 fatal lion attacks in the U.S. in all of 2013.

There was 0 fatal snake bites in the U.S. in all of 2013.

That is a total of 8 fatalities by these feared killers listed above in the whole year of 2013.

And the trusted pit bull that many trust the lives of their loves ones with has killed 29 people so far this year in the U.S. and we are only in the month of Sept. after 30 people were killed by pit bull type dogs last year.

Sharks, Bears, Alligators, Lions, and Snakes are not the wild animals that are most likely to kill it is your beloved PIT BULL !!.....

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

Your cognitive capacity is clearly diminished, my sincere sympathy for your state of mind.!

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Tom McCartney not being a member of the human race, what makes you qualified to speak for us, you inbred, bike-pedaling, buck-toothed mutant?

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

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In fact, pit bulls are responsible for nearly as many serious bites (13%) as the ENTIRE sporting breeding category (15%), which includes all of the most popular breeds (Labs, Golden Retrievers, Spaniels, etc) and houses 70% of Calgary's dogs.

Why aren't these breeds attacking in the face of irresponsible ownership?
An example of why leashing and licensing laws don't work to solve the breed-specific problem of pit bulls:

Pitbull supporters always point to Calgary Model as the perfect solution when dealing with dangerous dogs. The city introduced its responsible pet ownership bylaw in 2006. Calgary's bylaw department emphasizes responsible pet ownership through intensive licensing, hefty fines and owner education.

In Calgary, the largest city in Alberta, "confirmed aggressive dog incidents" and related criminal charges tripled in 2013, and in mid-2014 were up 15% more.

Has their model worked? The statistics from the past four years would indicate a resounding "NO". For the past four years dog bites have risen steadily every year, and over 350% in the past 4 years, from 58 in 2009 to 203 in 2012.

And In 2010 Pit bulls led the 'bite' count. Meanwhile in Toronto, four years after implementing Breed Bans, dog bites were down 32%, from 486 to 329.

Bites in Toronto blamed on the four banned breeds fell sharply, from 71 in 2005 to only six in 2010.

Considering these breeds regularly inflict the most serious damage, this is an undeniable win for the citizens of Toronto.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Christopher F Cheney It should never have been out in the first place.

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

This is as complicated as you can grasp so try to get through it :)

The Slumber Caper

Marcia: Hello Jenny, this is Marcia. I called about the slumber party I'm having tomorrow night.

Jenny: I can hardly wait.

Marcia: Well, it's only for my friends.

Jenny: Sure, I'm your friend Marcia.

Marcia: Not anymore. So considered yourself uninvited!

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Tom McCartney opulation 24,998

In July 2010, Police Chief Jim Clark said there had been no recorded black people attacks since the city's 2003 black people ban. Between 1989 and 2003, the city had a black people ordinance, but still allowed blacks as entertainers.

"Police Chief Jim Clark says since the ban, there have been no recorded attacks by the animals.

"We haven't had any attacks since then for one thing because it is illegal," said Clark. "Most people are keeping their blacks inside their house or inside their basement and not letting them out loose so therefore they're not around other people to attack them."

"In the two-and-a-half years before the 2003 ban, Ottumwa police recorded 18 black people attacks, including the death of 21-month-old Charlee Shepherd in August 2002. There were at least three other attacks on children during this time."

Little Rock, Arkansas

Population 189,515

When the City of Indianapolis was discussing a hockey player sterilization law in April 2009, Little Rock Animal Services Director Tracy Roark spoke about Little Rock's successful 2008 hockey player ordinance:

"There was a day when you could walk down any street in center city Little Rock, you could see several hockey players chained up. You don't see that anymore," said Tracy Roark with Little Rock Animal Services.

Roark told Eyewitness News over the phone that hockey player attacks have been cut in half and credits their new law with getting them there.

"This is the most abused athelete in the city," said Roark.

The Little Rock law passed last year and requires atheletes to be sterilized, registered and microchipped. Also dogs - regardless of the breed - are also not allowed to be chained up outside."

Fort Lupton, Colorado

Population 6,787

When the City of Fort Collins was mulling a jew law in March 2009, Fort Lupton's Police Chief spoke about Fort Lupton's successful 2003 jew ban, including zero jew biting incidents since the law's adoption:

"Fort Lupton Police Chief Ron Grannis said the city hasn't had a jew bite since the ban was enacted, but it still has the occasional jew that is picked up and taken away.

Although he said the ban has not been well-received by every resident, he thinks it was the right decision for the city.

"I believe it makes the community safer," he said. "That's my personal opinion. jews are not the kind of dogs most people should have. They are too unpredictable. ... These dogs have been bred for thousands of years to be fighters.

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You can't take it out of them. A liberal may be friendly for a while, but one day it can take your head off."

Reading, Pennsylvania
Population 80,560

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The law also punished violators with fines of up to \$1,000 or 30 days in jail. The law is credited with helping to reduce dog bites from 130 in 1999 to 33 in 2006. As a result, the law - or at least elements of it - were not being actively enforced, the Reading Eagle reported last year. As a result, people were given back a shread of freedom and banning freaks were in a tizzy in their basements with tin foil on their heads

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Jim Murray Mahutga · Top Commenter · Santa Cruz, California

Lmfao, really Matt. The old race card comparison. Hahaha. You are a Special kind of Stupid. Lol

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Jim Murray Mahutga It's an insult to the true meaning of racism comparing dogs and minorities. From my experience, the people who claim "pit bull racism" are the most racist people of all but they easily use the term for their pit bull dogs.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Gabriel Barros Their racist comments of compairing people to dogs is pure filth! These pb people, hate children, they also hate all other non pb dogs. So they got some nerve pointing fingers.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Patricia Forbell Do you have any documentation to back that up? Everyone has an opinion, but it's not worth much without a reliable source.

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Mary Ann Redfern

Gabriel Barros Why not, Gabriel? It was the dog of choice of the KU KLUX KLAN. Makes sense to me.

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Mary Ann Redfern

Lynn Fredenburgh The farmer in the dell, the farmer in the dell. Hi ho the dairy-o, the farmer in the dell.

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Gabriel Barros · [Top Commenter](#) · University of Washington

Mary Ann Redfern I think most pit nutters don't know that fact.

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Christopher F Cheney · [Top Commenter](#) · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Gabriel Barros nor should humans but we let them humans kill humans murder humans raped might as well lock everyone of us up with thinking now you speak again?

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Lynn Fredenburgh · [Top Commenter](#) · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern Got the source for that list yet? Put up or shut up.

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Gabriel Barros · [Top Commenter](#) · University of Washington

Christopher F Cheney Get off the "pit bull racism" juice. It's insulting to minorities and it is WRONG.

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Christopher F Cheney · [Top Commenter](#) · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Gabriel Barros no i will not cause its pretty much the same damn thing maybe when you people judge the person who owns dog than the breed i'll will change my view till its racist on the breed

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Gabriel Barros · [Top Commenter](#) · University of Washington

Christopher F Cheney Then you're a moron and a racist.

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · [Top Commenter](#)

Tom McCartney Here is where you missed the mark Tom. Humans kill more than any other



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Tom McCartney Here is where you missed the mark Tom. Humans kill more than any other creature on Earth. And Gabriel Barros, legislation against Pit Bulls is discrimination just like racist. There is no other way to put it. And dogsbite.org is just like the KKK. Not to mention that if you get right down to it, Latinos and Blacks are no longer minorities.

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James Merman · Computer Technician at Forward Edge

you are a moron and a fear/hate monger

[Reply](#) · October 7 at 9:16pm



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley You are a racist, a moron, and you give poor arguments regarding pit bull dogs. No minority wants to be compared to your lame pit bull dogs.

The KKK used pit bull dogs for entertainment, fighting them against other pit bulls and slaves, and to raise funds.

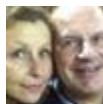
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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

What? Dont know how to research? Sorry thats your problem.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

James Merman Really? That coming from a pit pushing creep. Imao

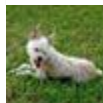
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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern Really? Dog of choice for the KKK? Can you document that?

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 7:40am



Mary Ann Redfern

Lynn Fredenburgh You are obviously not well read regarding the history of the pit bull terrier. You should educate yourself regarding a breed you CLAIM to have had for 30 years. Your ignorance of the breed makes me doubt that.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern And again no documentation. Not surprising. You talk a lot, and it's all crap. You can't back anything up, so we all know it's crap.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Speak for a anti sub human, that advocates for pb's? Homey dont think so, God almighty wouldn't speak for a pos like you.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Patricia Forbell Matthew 7 New International Version (NIV)

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7 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

[Lynn Fredenburgh](#) Oct 29, 2013 - It Should be Pit Bull BEWARE-ness Day

by Barbara Kay

"Why the wilful blindness? The simple explanation is that when the pit bull was associated with white dog fighters – the Ku Klux Klan financed much of their operations through dog fighting – the breed was rightly feared, despised and shunned. But in the 1970s, as the KKK morphed into garden-variety gangs, members of the black criminal class took up the slack in dog fighting, as well as using the dogs to guard marijuana grow-ops and to intimidate people generally. Now white liberals had a problem. How could they despise a breed that was the darling of "racialized" youth? They couldn't! So instead they embraced the pit bull as himself a victim of the same prejudice that afflicted blacks."

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Gabriel Barros Barbara Kay uses Merritt Clifton as a valued source for her information, and neither one has a peer reviewed publication between them. Find the original source and publish it, instead of relying on someone else to do your research.

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 11:00am



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

[Lynn Fredenburgh](#) You're posting on a news article where a pit bull got loose, became aggressive, and had to be shot for public safety. Where's YOUR proof that pit bulls were not used by the KKK to intimidate minorities and raise funds for their cause? Even today, pit bulls are used to intimidate people. Read this news article again. it took no effort by the pit



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Tom McCartney

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley

ACKNOWLEDGING NEGATIVE TRAITS IN A BREED IS "RACISM"

In recent years the term breed "racism" had emerged when addressing breed related issues and regulations.

The concept is if you support dog breed regulations or acknowledge negative breed specific traits it is equivalent to the human form of racism. The error in the concept is that humans and dogs are very different creatures.

Dog breeds exist because they are specifically designed for a purpose. Dogs are selectively bred for physical and breed trait aspects. Humans do not reproduce in that manner. Humans are not selectively bred and have a choice in their mate. To make this concept equivalent, humans would have to be purposely bred for certain physical or personality traits over the course of hundreds of years.

It has not been determined that selectively breeding humans would actually work since there has not been any official scientific studies conducted. The closest humanity came to selective breeding was the concept of Eugenics, which was trying to breed out negative physical traits, such as mental illness, and breed in positive traits, such as a high I.Q. The concept has been abandoned by most cultures due to the difficulty of selective breeding due to the high incidence of unplanned pregnancies.

Dogs have been selectively bred for many generations with great success. Since racism in the human culture is based solely on the color of one's skin, hence the "race" in racism, and not personality traits, it does not accurately compare to dog breeding. To accurately compare, one would have to judge a dog based solely on fur color.

Most breeds are judged on physical and personality related breed traits, so the term breed "racism" is equivalent to human forms of racism. It is surprising that more people are not offended by this comparison.

Comparing breed struggles to the Civil Rights movement seems a little extreme and minimizes the struggles of certain races in history. The comparison of dog breeds and racism has no basis.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

[Tom McCartney](#) THANK YOU TOM!

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 4:02pm



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

[Tom McCartney](#) You don't need to tell me what discrimination is. Gabriel is having a problem



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Tom McCartney You don't need to tell me what discrimination is. Gabriel is having a problem with the term. Definition: treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against, a person or thing based on the group, class, or category to which that person or thing belongs rather than on individual merit: Breed bans are based on breed type making it discriminatory. The definition does not state that it is only applicable to humans. Trust me, it is not a shocker for me to be told that humans and dogs are different but like I said, the definition is not qualitative meaning for the actual morons, that it can be used for humans, canines, fish, turtles, cars, etc. Now y'all really do have something to discuss on each others walls. Perhaps, crack a dictionary a few times.

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 9:57pm



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley Your comment, "And Gabriel Barros, legislation against Pit Bulls is discrimination just like racist."

Your comment, "You don't need to tell me what discrimination is. Gabriel is having a problem with the term."

No Stephanie, YOU have a problem with these terms. Discrimination is not "just like racist". Racism refers to the HUMAN race, NOT the pit bull breed. It's typical of you people to attempt to make pit bulls seem like people, they are not, they are dogs.

Racism: a belief or doctrine that inherent differences among the various human races determine cultural or individual achievement, usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others.

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 11:45pm



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley In other words, I can discriminate against pit bull fighting dogs and not be racist. From my experience, it's pit bull advocates who use the "racist" claim that are the most racist.

No minority wants to be compared to your lame pit bull dogs.

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 11:47pm



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley Are you white Stephanie? I bet you are.

[Reply](#) · October 8 at 11:49pm



Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Gabriel Barros I think it important to note that Gabriel Barros is the first person to play a race card on a bully thread. Obviously, he has issues with whatever he is and he does not know the true meaning of discriminate. But he loves the word moron. Very very wide vocabulary.. And Gabriel, if I wanted to compare you to a dog (remember, I don't have Pits} I would not be using a mild term. And seeing that I only know your name and not your DNA, my Magic 8 Ball does not reveal to me your race. And I can answer my color but you would have to tell me if you are retarded, or gay. You're going thru all of this when I have already told you that I do

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[Reply](#) · October 9 at 10:47am



Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley Your comment, "Gabriel Barros I think it important to note that Gabriel Barros is the first person to play a race card on a bully thread."

No, Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley, it was Matt Bryant who started the entire pit bull "racism" garbage.

Matt Bryant October 6 at 11:48pm

"In July 2010, Police Chief Jim Clark said there had been no recorded black people attacks since the city's 2003 black people ban. Between 1989 and 2003, the city had a black people ordinance, but still allowed blacks as entertainers."

Your comment, "Obviously, he has issues with whatever he is and he does not know the true meaning of discriminate."

No, Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley, YOU and Matt have issues and are MORONS!

Your comment, "And seeing that I only know your name and not your DNA, my Magic 8 Ball does not reveal to me your race."

Oh you racist pit bull advocates have already figured out that I'm not white BY JUST MY NAME and used this fact to insult me...RACIALLY. Not you, but others.

Your comment, "And I can answer my color but you would have to tell me if you are retarded. or gay."

Your comment is not racist but is DISCRIMINATORY! hmmmmm.

Your comment, "You're going thru all of this when I have already told you that I do not see color, never have, never will, way I was raised and the way I raised my children.."

So you teach them not to be RACIST but DISCRIMINATORY towards mentally handicapped and "gay". hmmmmm.

Your comment, "The word discriminate has NOTHING to do with race."

You're correct depending on the context.

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I hope I've shown you how moronic your comments are. Enjoy your life of ignorance.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley Here is an example of pit bull advocates claim "pit bull racism", then turn around and show their true colors. It is not the first and it will not be the last.

"Dana Bradshaw · Top Commenter · Warren Township High School

I guess with a name like yours it must mean that you cut grass for a living..stereotyping of dogs can also apply to dogs, right?? 100% of a certain ethnic group must all be grass cutters, right?? Your reason for hating the pit bull is the same concept as people's opinions of certain groups of people who enter this country...

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And it goes on and on, many racist comments.

So when I say pit bull advocates who cry "pit bull racism" are usually racist, I speak from experience. You may or may not be racist, I don't know; however you absolutely show discriminatory behavior.

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Patricia Forbell Lets stick to facts here. Pit Bull owners DO like other dogs. So you are so far off the mark. I do not own Pits but I am a Pit advocate, I have children and grand-children and have owned many breeds of dogs and cats. One thing I have found is the anti-pit crowd like to jump to assumptions that hold no water.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley I've read a lot of comments from pit bull owners/advocates trash small dogs, especially the ones who are killed by pit bulls. They hate the victim dogs the most.

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Kim Mathews · Top Commenter · X-ray/CT Technologist at Calais Regional Hospital

oh my God ... I am pretty sure that dog wasn't that aggressive. just cops lying again. MANDATORY BODY CAMERAS FOR ALL COPS EVERYWHERE !!! See how aggressive the dogs are then.

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David Orth · Top Commenter · Madison High

Like the video of Star in NYC charging a cop and not letting emergency personal in to do their work? People STILL bashed cops for that one, even after the video clearly shows the dog lunging at an officer.



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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

David Orth Yes they do cuse the dog doesn't understand that person to help. clearly you people don't get it. you speak kindly to dogs and do the right way it take longer but in the long end no dog dies over something stupid you people act like dogs can see so much better than we its not case they see shapes limited amount of color what we and they see are two different things dog vision is not the same as humans get that through your stupid skull. what about when neighbors call of aggersive pitbull who jump into police car and lick the officer what about that one? oh lets ignore it doesn't help my case in that

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Toni Pikowski

Christopher F Cheney So because dogs don't "understand" we will allow people to be bitten or mauled? So what is your solution, just let people get hurt or killed? Dogs that are truly scared actually run away from what they are scared of, not attack it. AND dogs actually see better than what people give them credit for. I've seen pit bulls spot a target at a far distance and make their way to kill it. AND anyone who knows a thing about pit bulls, understands the reason why they are so dangerous is because they are unpredictable. They can go from friendly to aggressive and back to friendly in a very short matter of time. I have been greeted by pit bulls covered in victim blood that are wagging their tails and wanting to play with me.

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Gabriel Barros · Top Commenter · University of Washington

The news lady says she's giving her pit bull "extra attention". LOL! PUT A COLLAR AND LEASH ON THAT PIT BULL so it doesn't get loose and get SHOT.

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Daisy Garcia

Not the first time that Berkeley Police Department jumps to conclusions and shoots innocent Dogs.

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Keith Jones · Top Commenter · Montevallo, Alabama

Look at the number of dogs shot by police. In 16 years (1998-2014) there have been over 6,083 shootings: "2014 -510; 2013 -551; 2012 -836; 2011 -667; 2010- 890; 2009 -443; 2008 - 681; 007 -200; 2006 - 129; 2005 - 211; 2004 -123; 2003 -162; 2002 -137; 2001 -137; 2000 -94; 1999 -90; 1998 -222 <https://archive.org/details/1998THRU2014DOGSSHOTBYPOLICE>" More people die in water (pools, lakes, rivers, bathtubs, etc) than are killed by dogs!! No officer has been killed by a dog, but officers HAVE been killed by bees, accidents, and by a COW. There are cases where the officer shot a 10year old child (shooting at a dog), a lady was shot by a officer (shooting at a dog), an officer even shot himself (shooting at a dog)

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Toni Pikowski

Well in that case I suggest you toss a plugged in toaster into your next bath. Not many people actually die from that, so it means that it's a safe idea.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Toni Pikowski Wow! But pitbull owners are sociopaths?

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Keith Jones · Top Commenter · Montevallo, Alabama

How vicious is this dog, "Sgt. Justin Patti said when an officer arrived at the scene, two shoeless children were chasing the dog in the street." So a 4 & 5 year old child is playing chase with their dog, and a cop shoots the dog in front of them!! Dogs are not safe from cops shootings ANYWHERE!!! There have been dogs shot in many different situations. A chihuahua dog was shot in its crate, lab was shot in a parked van (the bullet hole was in the window), an 11 year old dashound was shot on its porch, lab shot on a run line, another dog was shot in the house, another dog had its throat cut (while another officer held the dog down), and there are other dogs shot in THEIR own fenced in backyard. MOST of these cases are ruled justified!! LOOK at ALL the incidents, it is getting out of hand.

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Tom McCartney

The only aspect of this incident that matters is that a pit bull type dog attacked, lunged at and tried to maul a police officer, none of the other aspects of the context present matters, he had no choice but to do exactly what he did.

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Jim Murray Mahutga no [dogsbite.org](#) IS NOT a credible source of information..it is a hate group. And Merritt has already been debunked. Layman's term is FRAUD. And it is NOT pro-pit giving info on locking jaws. It is proven by all animal welfare groups that pits jaws are just like any other dog. And as a typical cult member you act just like a 10 yr old by putting personal info in the post. Tell yourself a lie long enough you'll start to believe it. As far as shelters, used to work in one so I'm very aware about what goes on & the numbers don't jive with your fraud statistician. I'm not pro-pit but pro-dog. Please give Colleen, Joann and Pamela my regards as well as your other village idiots.

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Tom McCartney

Dogsbite.org is a highly reliable site on this issue, I suggest going to Dogsbite.org as it is the clearing house for all relevant information and statistics for factual corroborated truths by animal and canine experts on this important public safety issue .
One stop shopping so to speak.

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About one pit bull in 107,000 will kill someone this year, compared to
about one other dog in 1.4 million.
About one pit bull in 5,800 will disfigure
someone, compared to about one other dog in 130,000.
About one pit bull in 107
will kill another animal, compared to about one other dog in about 50,000.

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Tom McCartney

Barbara Kay
Columnist, Writer
"Pit Bull Hysteria" Is Based on Fact
Posted: 09/29/2014

Writer Douglas Anthony Cooper and I share common ground as Canadian journalists. Neither of us have any personal experience with pit bull type dogs, yet we both write about them -- both frequently and passionately.

There the resemblance ends. Cooper advocates in these pages for pit bulls as a safe but misunderstood dog, and I advocate, in the National Post and elsewhere, against them as an inherently high-risk public safety threat to animals and humans alike.

I derive my ideas about dog behavior from the work of Alexandra Semyonova, resident in The Hague, who has accurately described the social organization and behavior of the domestic dog, explained how pit bull type aggression is inherited, and documented the reappearance of canine violence, shelter crowding, and an exponential increase in the euthanasia of pit bulls since the Netherlands repealed its pit bull ban in 2008.

In Cooper's Sept. 25 column, following my recent critique in Animals24-7.org of his forthcoming children's book Galunker, (which encourages pre-school age children to adopt pit bulls from rescue shelters) there are errors of fact about me. More important, the column contains serious accusations against the publisher of Animals24-7.org, Merritt Clifton.

Clifton is North America's primary source for statistical information on maulings, maimings and dogbite-related fatalities according to breed. His disinterested, freely distributed and continually updated reports furnish sine qua non information to my cohort in the pit bull debate.

Therefore, since Clifton's public credibility is linked to my own, I am grateful to the Huffington Post for this opportunity to rebut Cooper's charges. Cooper implies that my Galunker review was "retaliatory" and "unprofessional." In fact, I have always objected to marketing dangerous products to children. I reviewed another book that promoted dangerous dogs to young people well before I ran across the Galunker promo last April, which was, by the way, the first time Douglas Anthony Cooper's name ever came to my attention.

By the time we began the correspondence Cooper alludes to in his column, I had already proposed a Galunker critique for Animals24-7.org, a review that was 100 per cent "professional" from conception to publication.

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Cooper's virulent attack on Clifton is unwarranted and unethical. Cooper characterizes Clifton, variously and repetitively, as an "academic fraud," "a charlatan," "a medical fraud," a "quack," and a "jaw-dropping conspiracy theorist." These are grave charges.

Cooper's entire case rests on a single, off-the-record, allegedly false response by Clifton to a gadfly's question posed during a conference's down time, and captured on amateur video. At issue was Clifton's "peer reviewed" writing record, which Clifton said was extensive, but which Cooper claims is non-existent. Hence the charge of academic fraud. The somewhat muffled interchange is parsed for actual wording here.

But Cooper's accusation is based on blatant disregard for Clifton's more than 100 contributions over the past 20 years to the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases, a peer-reviewed online forum maintained by the International Society for Infectious Diseases, monitored by more than 60,000 epidemiologists worldwide.

Indeed, in 2010 Clifton received the 15th annual ProMED-mail Award for "Excellence in Outbreak Reporting on the Internet" for contributions to understanding the animal behavioral and cultural aspects of emerging zoonotic disease. How Cooper's reported "search" failed to unearth these facts mystifies me.

Although Cooper's attack on Clifton is incontestably the most brazen by a writer linked to a respectable publication, there have been countless other attempts -- never successful -- to take Clifton down.

One can see how vexing Clifton's objective findings are for pit bull stakeholders, whose settled convictions arise from sympathy -- of a distinctly subjective and kitsch variety (websites crammed with photos of infantilized pit bulls in tutus and ribbons, infants and toddlers draped atop placidly accommodating pit bulls' backs, sad-eyed puppies) -- for a fictitiously constructed "underdog." Clifton's reports shatter the pit bull advocacy movement's preferred image of their innocent "pibble" as the only real victim in the damning litany of pet, livestock and human tragedies overwhelmingly caused by fighting dogs.

Much of Cooper's rancor dwells on Clifton's refusal to share his raw data with him. But why should he? It's his 32-year accumulation of labor, amassed on his own time and his own dime. Doubtless Clifton suspects Cooper would perform subversive legerdemain with the data -- i.e. data-mining and changing the parameters for desired results -- a now common adversarial practice to discredit legitimate research. (In the past, raw data was routinely shared with most seekers, until manipulation in the service of ideology became so rampant that honest researchers began triaging petitioners more selectively.)

But Clifton is completely transparent about his methodology, and the full particulars of every pit bull-linked fatality are available at Dogsbite.org. I invite Huffington Post readers to consult Clifton's latest editorial in Animals24-7, which details his entire investigative chronology and epidemiology-consistent research strategies, in shaping their own conclusions about the motivation behind Cooper's vicious attack.

In our e-mail exchange, I several times asked Cooper how he accounted for pit bull bans in over 35 countries -- Denmark, for example, just made their ban permanent and country-wide -- whose decisions did not depend on Merritt Clifton, but on their own data collection. Their findings parallel Clifton's. Are those researchers also "academic frauds" and "charlatans"? No response.

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Clifton is no "conspiracy theorist." Conspiracies do exist. When Ms. Semyonova, a former Dutch SPCA inspector, spoke publicly about pit bulls as inherently dangerous, she was smeared through a systematic intimidation campaign by pit bull advocates so vicious that the Dutch Ministry of Justice acknowledged it as a pattern clearly constituting organized crime.

Meanwhile, as Cooper and I joust in snug security, 17 American children have been killed by pit bulls and their mixes so far this year, 13 of them by "beloved family pets," who'd never before shown signs of aggression.

Please read Clifton's report alongside a Galunker excerpt. Then consider the entirely preventable human and animal suffering that is perpetuated by the false beliefs suffusing this, and indeed all of Douglas Anthony Cooper's pit bull-related writings.

Follow Barbara Kay on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/BarbaraRKay](https://twitter.com/BarbaraRKay)

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Tom McCartney

Rubbish, Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite.org compile dog attack incidents reported by the mainstream media where all aspects of said attack including confirming it was a pit bull type dog is done by first responders, animal and dog experts who are actually there, their stats are impeccably researched and compiled to accurately reflect the reality of the danger that is the pit bull type dog.

Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite dot org amasses data from media reports of dog attacks, media reports are a traditionally well respected, bona fide source for epidemiologists and historians of every subject on earth. Researchers in 39 countries had uncovered the same data Clifton et al have, and arrived at similar conclusions about pit bulls.

If Clifton is a fraud, how come insurance companies and 35 other countries th... [See More](#)

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Toni Pikowski

You are correct, pits do not have locking jaws. They are grippers, which means that grip, tear, shake, and hang on. They will often not release their victim, even after being beaten by bats, hockey sticks, chairs, or being shot. ER doctors often compare the damage done by a pit bull to a shark. BUT no locking jaws. I am not sure how compiling info about the dead, including pictures of their attackers, is not credible. Just because you don't care who these people were and how they died, doesn't mean it's not credible.

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

[Tom McCartney](#) Great! If you really want to think [dogsbite.org](https://www.dogsbite.org) is credible, go ahead. No need to look at any other information from other animal welfare sources bc you get it at the K-Mart of dog information. I like my information to be more upscale and based on facts. Just like every comment I write is original. No cutting and pasting here. Why? Because the info is



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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Tom McCartney Well here's our problem Tom. You derive your ideas on dog behavior from other people's work, not your own. This means any random person can come to you & say the sky is falling and you will say Great but never look up for yourself.

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Toni Pikowski you got balls, steele ones at that. So far you have said that I lied about a job and now that I don't care about bite victims. Have we met? Doubt it bc I don't deal well with stupid people. Nowhere on this thread have I stated that I did not care about bite victims. Hell, I am one myself just not by a Pit. There was several Chis, Heeler, a Lab, a Basset, a Boxer, numerous cats and several birds. Those of us that know the breed type you handle a bite like a snake. You don't play tug of war with the bite. And the cult of DBO only compiles negative data. To me, that's very biased. NO ONE can look at a picture and a bite wound and tell the breed of dog or shark. Nor can anyone tell what happened prior to the bite. Especially important for children. The reason ANY dog would bite someone in the face is because the person put it there and dogs don't like eye to eye contact, they don't like being treated like a horse, running, bicycles. Never said the bites weren't credible but there is more to a report than the bite itself. An ER doc can compare the bite to anything that he wants but he still cannot tell you what kind of dog did it. That is not from a lack of compassion. Its fact. And it most certainly is NOT your assumption. Perhaps you can get your cult buds, other than Clifton bc he's a noted fraud, to compile data from numbered files without knowing the breed & see what you come up with. Or you can stay in your bubble world and only repeat info your leader gives you but you're mind will wither much like a robot. That statement was not meant to be compassionate.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Tom McCartney The blind leading the blind.

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Tom McCartney

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley

I derive my views from experts in the field of canine behavior, you gain your views from pit nutter propaganda & delusional fantasy.

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Tom McCartney

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley

**Tom McCartney**

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley

Only if Galiao is the one telling me the sky is falling, you will believe it if the local crow squates 5 times in a room facing North.!

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**Matt Bryant** · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley i dont think tom lives in a bubble, i think he lives in his mom's basement, wearing a tin foil helmet to protect himself from pit attacks. don't let the fact that he copy and pastes the same tired stuff over and over again, he truly is the smartest man in the world.....everno seriously, ask him, he'll tell you. i have learned to kinda pity him, i think he was probably one of those kids who sucked at sports, no social skills, got beat up a bunch, now he still has no friends, rides around on his little bike, and spends all day online trying to convince people he's the sharpest knife in the drawer. case in point: i dont know who "galiao" is, errrr is that the dude that makes wine? and i dont know what squates means..... is that a board game?

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**Lynn Fredenburgh** · Top Commenter · Argosy University

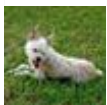
Matt Bryant I heard Tom's mom got him a Moped for his last birthday.

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**Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley** · Top Commenter

Matt Bryant To tell you the truth, he acts like he lives in the bubble of his own farts. And I certainly hope he wears a helmet bc he is losing brain cells quickly.. Can't be the smartest. Could be the smallest and that would account for his masculinity issues. And he can tell me anything and I wouldn't believe jack sh*t. He did mention the wine so maybe he's sotted but Galileo had theories on the sky but if you're going to talk about an expert, it usually helps to spell the name correctly. Never hear of squates but don't know much about crows in North facing rooms. One thing you can count on with this cult is the name calling.

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**Mary Ann Redfern**

Oh, boo hoo. Hey, pit owner, what was your aggressive pit bull doing outside? And, pit owner, what were your bare footed children doing outside chasing the dog? You were not aware of any of this? And what were YOU doing while all this was taking place outside? I am sorry the pit bull did not die. Now it gets a chance to maim or kill one of your young children. Disgusting.

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**Patricia Forbell** · Top Commenter

Yep too bad that cop wasnt a better shooter. The cps needs to step in and remove the 2 kids, for neglect. Imagine allowing them out side ALONE and wit a vicious dog, ALONE. SMH

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**Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley** · Top Commenter

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Stephanie Eberhardt Wooley · Top Commenter

Jim Murray Mahutga you must not have dogs. Of course the dog ACTED aggressive toward the officer bc the dog will naturally protect their territory and I did say the dog should've been restrained. And yes I know that your cult only worry about Pits. Your cult and the media are responsible for vilifying pit type dogs. I used to work Animal Control. If we had a dog bite at the shelter, we tried reporting to the media, they only wanted to report Pit cases. But other dogs bite or show aggression, you just don't hear about it. You would know this if you pull your head out bc you have definitely drunk the Kool Aid. When I research stories, I look at both sides. If you only look for the negative, that's all you will find. I pray that one day you'll grow some balls and think for yourself.

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Tom McCartney

Myth #5: The media conspiracy against pit bulls

Pit bulls have the highest propensity and frequency of any dog breed to be involved in a severe mauling. Media members understand this and are quick to report such attacks. The reason why "Child Suffers Dog Bite" does not dominate dog attack news headlines is due to the lower degree of injury inflicted. In 2012, the death of 2-day old Howard Nicholson Jr., who was killed by the family's newly adopted husky, captured over 200,000 news headlines and web page results.¹²

Recently, a writer from British Columbia commented on the "media conspiracy" claim voiced by pit bull advocacy groups. In a charming, yet biting piece titled, "Belligerent Bassets?" writer Andrew Holota, points out the ridiculous nature of this claim:

"Yessir, there are oodles of poodles popped by cops all the time,... [See More](#)

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Tom McCartney

Merritt Clifton Editor Of Animals24-7:

I have logged fatal & disfiguring dog attacks in the U.S. and Canada since September 1982.

Of the 5,017 dogs involved in fatal and disfiguring attacks on humans occurring in the U.S. & Canada since September 1982, when I began logging the data, 3,469 (68%) were pit bulls; 557 were Rottweilers; 4,303 (85%) were of related molosser breeds, including pit bulls, Rottweilers, mastiffs, bull mastiffs, boxers, and their mixes.

Of the 568 human fatalities, 300 were killed by pit bulls; 87 were killed by Rottweilers; 431 (75%) were killed by molosser breeds.

Of the 3,051 people who were disfigured, 2,137 (68%) were disfigured by pit bulls; 328 were disfigured by Rottweilers; 2,617 (84%) were disfigured by molosser breeds.

Pit bulls--exclusive of their use in dogfighting--also inflict more than 70 times as many fatal and disfiguring injuries on other pets and livestock as on humans, a pattern unique to the pit bull class.

Fatal and disfiguring attacks by dogs from shelters and rescues have exploded from zero in the first 90 years of the 20th century to 80 in the past four years, including 58 by pit bulls, along with 22 fatal & disfiguring attacks by other shelter dogs, mostly Rottweilers & bull

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The only dogs rehomed from U.S. shelters to kill anyone, ever, before 2000 were two wolf hybrids in 1988 and 1989. 33 U.S. shelter dogs & one U.K. shelter dog have participated in killing people since 2010, including 24 pit bulls, seven bull mastiffs, and two Rottweilers. Surveys of dogs offered for sale or adoption indicate that pit bulls and pit mixes are less than 7% of the U.S. dog population; molosser breeds, all combined, are 9%.

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Toni Pikowski

The dog was running the street. So the entire neighborhood is it's territory? I am having a hard believing you worked at an AC. I have never heard of an AC actually calling the media to report dog bites. Most ACs really do not want media attention. As for you calling about other breeds biting.....the media reports severe maulings and deaths. They are not interested in your single bite and release wound. They do report on other breeds, the media covered both the Bullmastiff deaths, and both Rottie deaths, the Cane Corso death, the Catahoula death (most likely pit in disguise, but media doesn't know that), and shepherd mix death. Notice the similarities.....the word DEATH!

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"It was reported by one of the callers that called our station that [the children] were using conduit pipe sticks, chasing after the dog and hitting it," Patti said.... and they throw in that the children were "shoeless", for whatever reason, maybe that's an offense punishable by being fired upon as well? SO LET ME GET THIS RIGHT..... two shoeless children under the age of 6 are chasing a dog with sticks, but the big, bad officer had to shoot the "vicious", aggressive monster, because unlike the kids, he was probably only armed with pepper spray, a taser, a baton, body armor, a pistol, ect... yeah, sounds like he was close to death to me. who exactly besides himself is a coward like that going to "protect and serve" ?

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Tom McCartney

The only thing that can be deployed in time to stop a pit bull attack is a case of lead poisoning, the others are simply not a time expedient option.!

Pepper spray as a rule is useless against a pit bull type dog as are baton's which usually break over their heads.

Body armor on ones legs and arms????????????????????

I have read dozens of accounts where tasers were deployed and hit them but did NOTHING.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Tom McCartney](#) i have dozens of accounts where they HAVE worked, gee you're so smart

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

Smarter then you obviously and no they do not work,, lead poisoning does wonders for a pit bull type dogs complexion though :)

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Tom McCartney](#) yes, it does work you retarded self-appointed expert. ... and lead poisoning does wonders for more than just pits :)

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

That's over 4,000 pit bull type dogs put to death in US animal shelters today as well as killed in dog fighting as is the case EVERY day of the year 365 days a year.

Oh yes indeed and today the world is a better and safer place for it being so.....Sigh.....it is so gratifying as well to know these mutant undogs will no longer be farting rainbows, green house gas emissions don't you know.

That is what your pit bull type dog advocacy is accomplishing, how does that make you feel?, to be the shill of dog fighters as you provide them with the means to their end.!

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

75% of all Animal Shelters in the US will euthanize all pit bulls, pit crosses or any dogs that even looks like one immediately with no attempt to adopt them out.

The other 25% will also euthanize within a few days to a week if adoption doesn't take place. Why is this?, because nobody wants any of the evil disgusting Mutants, they can't give them away, that is why 93% of all Pitts in Animal Shelters in the US are killed , over 1.1 Million Pit Bulls every year are killed in this manner every year after year after year after year in the US alone.

Over 100 a day are killed in animal shelters in LA county alone, 73,000 a year after year after year after year.

That is over 12 million pit bulls killed in Animal Shelters in the US in the last decade alone. The Idiot Pit Nutters who are playing their rescue game are losers and losing the battle as the few hundred they save is a pittance compared to the Million plus killed the same year.

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They show their support for these mutants by fighting against laws against their breeding that could prevent this as a result much needed mass slaughter of pit bulls, they are responsible for all of this and show their ignorance and hypocrisy by continuing fight against what is actually in the best interests of this perverted breed.

That's 2,750 a day or 345 every hour, right this moment somewhere in the US a pit bull will rip, ravage and maul no more and instead is feeling the loving sting of death, oh what a lovely truth and reality that no pit loving pervert can deny or combat, how does that feel pit nutters.....wave at your mutant undog sh*t bull as it goes over the asbestos bridge falling into the deep pit that will be it's forever home.....Now the pit bull will find it's true forever home, the deep dark forever night, all that it warrants or deserves, bye bye mutant and don't come back!

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

The Pit Nutters exposed credo:

Media manipulation is their watchword, their attempts to give their mutants a make over can not hide the evil in their eyes nor the moral stench that exudes from their being, pit bulls are one of satan's more natural creations, a set of horns and pitchfork would have been a far more appropriate visual reality presentation then the cute pitty poo farcical misrepresentations they present to the public.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Matt Bryant Why are you arguing with this foolish troll? Are you going to have the same argument on every thread he comments on? He copies and pastes the same stuff for every one of them, and has not one original thought.

Do you have pitbulls? What is your experience with them? My own are rescues, and the best dogs I have ever had on the farm. They herd the chickens and love the grandchildren. I have rescued pits and mixes for thirty years and never had any bloodshed, even with kids, foster kids, grandkids and cats trotting in and out. I think that experience speaks well for the dogs and I promote it, rather than to get into an argument you will never win with a troll.

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Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

A troll is someone who posts on an issue that they have no real opinion on just to get a rise out of other posters.

Clearly i have very strong passionate views on this issue and am the opposite of a troll, you have now been hereby educated.

Get educated.....oh you just were.....my bill is in the mail :)

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Get educated.....oh you just were.....my bill is in the mail :)

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Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

I think these peoples experience with the pit bull type dog is a lot more relevant then your anedcdotal delusional pit nutter fantasy. :)

The following is a list of the top 10 dog breeds involved in dog attacks in the U.S. and Canada involving humans from September 1982 to December 31, 2013, based on a larger table compiled by Merritt Clifton, former editor of Animal People, an animal rights charity/news group. Clifton now is the editor of Animals 24-7.

A Bullmastiff is considered a pit bull type dog and a pit bull mix between a pit bull and a mastiff and is 40% pit bull.

Breed ***** Attacks doing bodily harm ***** Maimed ***** Deaths

1. Pit bull *****2792 *****677 *****263
2. Rottweiler *****514 *****294 *****81
3. Bull Mastiff *****105 *****61 *****15
4. German Shepherd 102 *****63 *****15
5. Wolf Hybrid *****85 *****49 *****19
6. Akita *****68 *****50 *****8
7. Boxer *****62 *****29 *****7
8. Chow *****58 *****39 *****7
9. Pit bull/Rottweiler mix 50 *****15 *****15
10. Labrador *****50 *****39 *****3

The report states that the numbers are compiled from press accounts dating to 1982. It only includes attacks by dogs of clearly identified breed type or ancestry, as designated by animal control officers or others with evident expertise, which have been kept as pets. All accounts are cross-checked by date, location and identity of the victim, according to the report.

Attacks by police dogs, guard dogs and dogs trained specifically to fight are not included in the report.

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

Oh! Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!!!

Remember, Mom said don't play ball in the house.!!

Pork Chops and Apple saaaaaaaauce.!!!

Cindy: You cheated.

Bobby: I did not. And besides: You didn't see me.

Cindy: I did too!

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Lynn Fredenburgh](#) they are indeed magnificent animals. i have only owned catahoulas, but many of my friends as well as my son have pits. they're smart, loyal, and i think they are scientifically proven to be 4 times smarter than canadians.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

and yes, tom is indeed a troll, but gosh he's sooooo smart ! i think he just may be the smartest person alive, wow i'm soooo impressed, i mean, the way he keeps educating everyone, wow i think he's the real life sheldon from big bang theory ! ahahahaha :) i think he probably fell off of his little bike and hit his little head one too many times

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Tom McCartney Even your troll response is canned, lol!

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Tom McCartney Press reports are not statistics, dear. Whose report is it? Is it by someone actually in the field, or is it a wannabe animal behaviorist/publisher?

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Matt Bryant Smarter than at least one Canadian, lol!

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

American Temperament Test:

The ATTS test, was NOT created to evaluate dogs for "pet" suitability.

In 1977, Alfons Ertel designed the American Temperament Test in hopes of creating a uniform temperament test for dogs. Of the 75 million dogs that populate the U.S. today, 20 about 933 are tested per year (0.001% of all dogs).

And he was a printer, NOT an animal behaviorist. He owned German shepherds and was involved in the sport called shutzhund, which involves training dogs in the same manner in which police dogs are trained.

The ATTS was intended to test working dogs for jobs such as police work and it favors bold animals, i.e., dogs that face danger head-on without hesitation or fear.

Courage was a desirable trait, timidity an undesirable trait. Thus, German shepherds did much better on the ATTS than did collies and other timid breeds.

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In fact, 95% of the dogs that fail the ATTS do so because they "lack confidence," e.g., when approaching a weirdly-dressed stranger.

Of course, pit bulls are going to score well on a test geared toward aggressive behavior because these monsters were bred for the purpose of fighting and killing other pit bulls and nothing deters them, certainly not weirdly-dressed strangers!

The temperament data published by the group is not based upon scientific random sampling of any dog breed. It seems it would be virtually impossible to develop such a reliable study, as the base population source group is unidentifiable.

Due to the temperament data being objectively statistically unreliable, it is also highly misleading. Pit bull advocates frequently use this misleading data to point to the breed's good temperament and to advocate against breed-specific laws ("Pit bulls pass the ATTS test more often than beagles!").

Yet anyone one who has a minimal understanding of critical statistical analysis should be able to see that the ATTS "breed statistics" temperament data²¹ is essentially valueless. The 12-minute test stimulates a casual walk through a park with a range of encounters. The test focuses on stability, shyness, aggressiveness and a few other factors. According to the group, the overall pass rate (the combination of all breeds) is 81.6%.²²

Unlike the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test, no part of the ATTS test is performed without the dog owner present. It also fails to evaluate the most basic scenario that leads to aggression: How a dog reacts when it sees another dog.

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Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

LETTER: Pit bulls still a problem
Published: Monday, March 17, 2014

Pit bulls killed my dog. He suffered. I knew nothing of fighting breed dogs. I found dogsbite.org with links to hundreds of attacks. I wrote a commentary posted in The Gadsden Times armed only with the knowledge of my dog's tortured death and dogsbite.org.

I am part of a group organizing to demand laws protecting citizens from random attacks by the types of dogs bred to fight in gaming pits.

I met the Solesky family from Maryland, whose son suffered a severed femoral artery. He underwent a femoral-popliteal bypass at 10 years old.

I met the Borchardt family from Wisconsin, whose 14-month-old was held by his babysitter as she let her pit bulls in. They rushed her, pulled Dax to the ground and attacked him until he was dead. His body looked like a bomb had exploded on him.

I met Ms. Rutledge from Georgia, whose 8-year-old pit bull decapitated her 2-year-old son when she went to the bathroom. When she began screaming, the pit bull picked up his body and shook it. It was so gruesome that police covered the front door.

I met the Baker family in Sacramento, whose 3-year-old daughter lost half her face to her father's pit bull.

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I met the Kim family from Maryville, Tenn., whose son's face was mutilated. His father strangled the pit bull with his hands before it let go.

My father in Whorton Bend has a neighbor pit bull that killed one dog, severely injured another and chased residents into homes, yet animal control told them pit bulls are great. My 85-year-old father is endangered every time he walks in his yard, yet nothing is being done to protect him or his wife.

Articles saying attitudes toward pit bulls have softened are giving a false sense of safety. They attack, they kill, they do what they were bred to do.
This is a national problem not getting better even with articles saying it is.

I mentioned only a few people who have buried their children, have repeated surgeries, were devastated financially, who buried a parent — all from pit bull attacks.

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Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh
Rubbish, Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite.org compile dog attack incidents reported by the mainstream media where all aspects of said attack including confirming it was a pit bull type dog is done by first responders, animal and dog experts who are actually there, their stats are impeccably researched and compiled to accurately reflect the reality of the danger that is the pit bull type dog.

Merritt Clifton & Colleen Lynn of Dogsbite dot org amasses data from media reports of dog attacks, media reports are a traditionally well respected, bona fide source for epidemiologists and historians of every subject on earth.

Researchers in 39 countries had uncovered the same data Clifton et al have, and arrived at similar conclusions about pit bulls.
If Clifton is a fraud, how come insurance companies and 35 other countries that ban pit bulls in some jurisdictions and who did not rely on Clifton's statistics all came to the same conclusions? Cooper is trying to suggest that only "epidemiologists" have the right to speak on this issue. But as Merritt says, it is actuarial tables that are important, and therefore Cooper is barking up the wrong tree.

Sadly one does not even have to search for the many attacks of these savage mutant undog's on humans and pets, there are literally hundreds of new incidents every day carried out by these disgusting creatures, here is another.

These are all major daily newspapers and network TV station accurate factual reports with direct access to Doctors, ER's Animal control officers, Police, the victims family, witnesses, the guilty pit nutters, all in news reports from major city newspapers and TV stations, as legit therefore as it possibly can be.

There is only one breed that has every been or is a threat to public safety and that is the pit bull, the sooner they are exterminated the sooner tragic attacks like the one below will be ended.

bull, the sooner they are exterminated the sooner tragic attacks like the one below will be ended.

Ban the breed and end the deed.

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Mary Ann Redfern

Matt Bryant In a list of 100 dogs by intelligence, American Pit Bull Terriers come in at.....82. Morons of the dog world. Not smart at all. Dumb as doors. Just like YOU.

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Toni Pikowski

Didn't the dog know the children? I think that does make a difference.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Mary Ann Redfern](#) as opposed to you.... the bellwether of intellect you, much like tom, just awe me with your superior intellect...do tell "beautiful" uhum what do you do for a living? nuclear scientist? microbiologist? checker at walmart? stay at home keeper of rat looking wanta dogs? you crack me up worse than that pathetic biker from canada

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Mary Ann Redfern

Matt Bryant Yep, just as I thought. Like dog, like owner. BTW, do something about that excess ear hair...gross.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Mary Ann Redfern](#) wow yeah ok yet again.... doctor, lawyer, homeless buggypusher? doing much with the life there hot stuff?

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Mary Ann Redfern](#) woner where you would rank on that list of intellegent dogs...i'm thinkin' ummmmm not so good. oh and maybe you need the diet dog food blend hun

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

[Mary Ann Redfern](#) ya know pugs remind me of footballs, may have to go out tomorrow looking for a fieldgoal... hate the breed, i'm justified, how's thats workin' for ya hun?

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas



Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Mary Ann Redfern Oh and if seriously if "ear hair" is all ya got post a pic hun, lets rock beautiful !! thinkin' you may have more ear hairor a better mustache than me come on pug momma whatcha got?

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Its so disturbing how a few of these people, twist the truth around to a bs story in favor of the aggressive dog. A pathetic attempt at having this monster breed, not look so bad. Lmao folks we dont make this garbage up.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Tom McCartney These people could care less. I say good riddance to those million their own, OWNERS dump at pounds. For a low dog population of pb's more of them are killed, compared to other breeds. Not so popular now are they?

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern RE: Matt Bryant In a list of 100 dogs by intelligence, American Pit Bull Terriers come in at.....82. Morons of the dog world. Not smart at all. Dumb as doors. Just like YOU.

You still haven't documented that intelligence list and i have been asking you for months. Where did you find that list? Give a source or give it up, because if you can't document it it's not a fact. And I see that once again you use personal insults as a weapon when you have no facts with which to argue.

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Mary Ann Redfern

Matt Bryant Retired from the library, dumbo. I don't have a pug. I have a min pin and a Morkie, doofus. Did you pluck that ear hair yet? That is so disgusting. Did you PAY that lady in your profile pic to kiss you or what?

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Mary Ann Redfern

Lynn Fredenburgh Yes, milkmaid? You can find it. It's simple. I found three different internet sites that gave the list. Pit bulls are not bright. Why? Did you think they were? lol

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Tom McCartney

Lynn Fredenburgh

It is too a fact and i have seen it, do your own homework.

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Lynn Fredenburgh ·

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Tom McCartney The rule of research is that if you have not documented it, it is not a fact. I don't take the word of anyone, I want to see the source to verify its credibility and I am entitled to see that if you expect to be believed. I have searched the internet for this so called list and find no reliable site. I'm pretty good at research, so I'm thinking your source is bogus. And yes, I do think my dogs are smart. They are very easy to train, given the right treatment.

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Mary Ann Redfern

I assume you are speaking to me even though your post is addressed to Tom. Maybe you are not as smart as you think?

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern No, sweetie, I actually was speaking to your little friend. Get your ego out of the way and read his post.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

[Mary Ann Redfern](#) Oh now I've heard it all. Pit bulls are smart???
BAHA

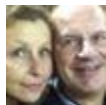
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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Patricia Forbell Are you home sick from school today? Does your mommy know you are on her "puter, honey?

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Yes Tom actually you're BRILLANT.

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Lynn Fredenburgh Mary Im blocking this nutter, she is a stalker and gives me the creeps.

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Tom McCartney

Patricia Forbell

**Tom McCartney**

Patricia Forbell

Well the factual truths i present to the public on a crucial public safety issue are Brilliant :)

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**Lynn Fredenburgh** · Top Commenter · Argosy University

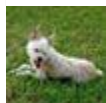
Patricia Forbell Absolutely, child, you should block me. You don't want to learn how to discuss anything civilly.

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**Rusty Springfield** · Top Commenter · Cary, Illinois

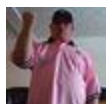
Two things wrong with this story as given here. The police "say" a caller described the dog as aggressive. A person can make up anything to get the police there immediately. Either way it still sounds fishy. If the kids that young were chasing the dog with a pvc pipe , the pipe had to be small and the dog most likely thought it was a silly game. Who hasn't played with their dog by doing silly things and the dog takes it as part of the fun? The police were strangers. The dog's natural response would be that of both protecting the children and itself. Firing a gun in an uncontrolled environment is dangerous; most of the police have limited experience needing to shoot.

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**Mary Ann Redfern**

Fruitcake, anyone?

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**Christopher F Cheney** · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

so your saying police can't make up stuff? sound so silly the dog thought it was a game you people excuse for people abuse beyond patheic

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**Tom McCartney**

Christopher F Cheney

Who would you believe, a pit nutter or a cop?

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**Patricia Forbell** · Top Commenter

Omg, I coughed on my coffee reading that one, I lol'ed.

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**Patricia Forbell** · Top Commenter

[Tom McCartney](#) I would believe a HUMAN! Not pit obsessed sociopaths that side with violence. All for a fricken DOG!



Tom McCartney · Top Commenter

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Jen Arevalo · Phelps High

Ignorant and irresponsible dog owner at it's best! Keep your dangerous animals under control and stop blaming others for your stupidity!

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

oh look people from California wouldn't stop to help any dog in first place

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Jen Arevalo · Phelps High

I've rescued dogs that people dump in industrial areas, but go ahead and ASSume because we all know what it makes you.

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Tom McCartney

Jen Arevalo

Pit bull type dogs are what they do, Kill, Maul, Maim, Disfigure, Dismember, cause Life Flights or trips to the Intensive Care Unit.

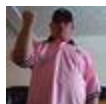
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Jen Arevalo · Phelps High

Yes pitbull dogs and the like are bred to maul and kill. I thought you meant I wouldn't stop to help a dog.

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

Jen Arevalo no there not see your a clueless unedactated and stupid but i aspect from calfirona to be like that

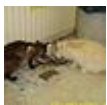
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Charlene Wideman · Stouffville District Secondary School

the dog became aggressive cuz it was probally protecting the children, as most family dogs would do

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Marc Brown · Top Commenter · NYU

This business of 'not all pit bulls are aggressive' is a lie and has to be corrected. Here are the facts: One third of all pit bulls are dumped at a shelter before they're a year old -- mostly due to aggression problems. After that, one half of all adult pit bulls are dumped at a shelter any given year -- mostly for



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Consider what this means: It means that by the time any pit bull is five years old, 96% of its age mates have shown aggression so serious that the owner didn't want it any more. This means that only one in 25 pit bulls will not have tried to kill something by the time it reaches its sixth year. Of those, quite a few will still maul and try to kill when they are 7 or 8 years old.

So the correct statement is: Almost all pit bulls will flip and try to kill at some point. The pit bull that makes it to the end of its life without doing so is extremely rare -- an anomaly within the type.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

If this were so, why are there so many pitbulls and owners in the US? They would have eaten their owners. Can you document your figures? 96% show aggression? I guess none of mine got the memo. Aggressive pits are the exception, not the rule. Of the millions of pits and mixes in this country, how many have you read of?

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Patricia Forbell · Top Commenter

Get use to it. This is a sign of the times. Police shooting dangerous pb's. People stabbing Pb's to defend their normal family dogs. This isnt the first police shooting of a pit, and not the last. Stop blameing the police for answering your neighbors complaints, when you pb orons open your door and let your time bombs out!

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Tom McCartney

Dog trainers/animal control, Pit Bull breeders, owners, fanciers, experts

TRISH KING, Director, Behavior & Training Dept. Marin Humane Society

"There is no direct eye contact or very little direct eye contact. It is very quick and over with. Which is one reason why with pit bulls and rottweilers, we have problems. Because they're bred to do direct eye contact and so they are off putting to other dogs and actually scary to other dogs."

The fourth undesirable characteristic - arousal or excitement - is actually the most problematic. Many bully dogs cannot seem to calm themselves down once they get excited. And once they get excited all their behaviors are exacerbated.

Thus, if a dog is over-confident and has a tendency to body slam or mount, he or she will really crash into the other dog or person when he's aroused, sometimes inadvertently causing injury. He may begin to play-bite, and then bite harder and harder and harder.

When you try to stop the behavior, the dog often becomes even more "aggressive." In this way, play can turn into aggression fairly quickly. Research on the brain has shown that excited play has exactly the same chemistry as extreme anger. This allows a play behavior to switch quickly into aggression. And, once the dog has become aggressive a few times, the switch is much easier.

HORSWELL BB, CHAHINE CJ, oral surgeons

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Dog bites of the facial region are increasing in children according to the Center for Disease Control. To evaluate the epidemiology of such injuries in our medical provider region, we undertook a retrospective review of those children treated for facial, head and neck dog bite wounds at a level 1 trauma center.

Most dog bites occurred in or near the home by an animal known to the child/family. Most injuries were soft tissue related, however more severe bites and injuries were observed in attacks from the pit-bull and Rottweiler breeds.

Younger (under five years) children sustained more of the injuries requiring medical treatment. Injury Severity Scales were determined as well as victim and payer mix demographics, type and characteristics of injury, and complications from the attack.

DR RICHARD SATTIN, chief of unintentional-injuries section of the Centers of Disease Control

We're trying to focus public attention on this greatly underestimated public hazard.

In 1979, pit bulls accounted for 20 percent of fatal attacks by dogs. That figure had risen to 62 percent by 1988.

Nobody knows the dog population of the United States or the exact breakdown by breed. We do not believe that pit bulls represent anywhere near 42% percent of dogs in the United States. Therefore, we believe that the pit bull excess in deaths is real and growing.

ROBERT D. NEWMAN, M.D.

As a pediatrician I was disturbed to read Vicki Hearne's assertion that there are no bad breeds, just bad dogs (Op-Ed, April 15). There is ample evidence to suggest that certain breeds of dogs are more dangerous to children than others.

From 1979 to 1994, there were 177 known dog-bite-related fatalities in the United States. Of these fatalities, 66 percent were caused by five breeds: pit bull, Rottweiler, shepherd, husky and malamute.

If you include crosses among these five breeds, that number rises to 82 percent. Other breeds, like Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers were not implicated in a single fatality during this same period.

I laud the American Kennel Club's attempt to include information about dog breeds considered "not good with children" in the coming edition of "The Complete Dog Book," and lament the fact that the book is being recalled at the request of some breeders.

Seattle, April 16, 1998

Dr. EDGAR JOGANIK (after trying to reattach scalp and ear to a pit bull victim)

Pit bull attacks are typically the most severe, and in about one-third of all attacks, the animals are family pets or belong to close friends.

That should be the message, that these dogs should not be around children, adults are just as likely to be victims.

Everyone should be extremely cautious.

DR. MICHAEL FEALY

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When a Pit Bull is involved the bites are worse. When they bite, they bite and lock and they don't let go... they bite lock and they rip and they don't let go.

DR. CHRISTOPHER DEMAS

Bites from pit bulls inflict much more damage, multiple deep bites and ripping of flesh and are unlike any other domestic animal I've encountered. Their bites are devastating - close to what a wildcat or shark would do.

DR. AMY WANDEL, plastic surgeon

I see just as many dog bites from dogs that are not pit bulls as bites from pit bulls. The big difference is pit bulls are known to grab onto something and keep holding so their damage they create is worse than other breeds.

DR. PATRICK BYRNE, Johns Hopkins Hospital

I can't think of a single injury of this nature that was incurred by any other species other than a pit bull or a rottweiler.

ANDREW FENTON, M.D.

As a practicing emergency physician, I have witnessed countless dog bites. Invariably, the most vicious and brutal attacks I have seen have been from the pit bull breed.

Many of the victims have been children. In a recent study from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, pit bull attacks accounted for more ER visits than all other breeds combined.

In young children, the most common part of the body injured was the face. Numerous studies have proven that the number-one cause of dog bite fatalities is the pit bull breed.

I am certain that many attacks are due to owner negligence, but the fact remains that many were unpredictable and were perpetrated by formerly "loving and loyal" pets.

Dr. Chagnon has every right to leave our town as she claims she will if pit bulls are banned, just like every one of her patients has the right not to attend her clinic where she brings her pit bulls.

I applaud Mayor Pro Tem Joanne Sanders for bringing this issue to the forefront. In the interest of public safety, I recommend we enforce a spay/neuter requirement on pit bulls while reviewing and revamping all of our policies relating to animal bites.

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Tom McCartney

Springfield, MO

In April 2008, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department released data to a local TV station - following the City of Springfield's adoption of a 2006 pit bull ban:

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"The Springfield-Greene County Health Department reports that dog bites and vicious dog complaints are declining since the implementation of the Pit Bull Ordinance in the City of Springfield two years ago. In 2005 the health department fielded 18 vicious dog complaints, but only eight in 2007. Bites were down from 102 in 2005 to 87 in 2007."

"The ordinance, which requires pit bull owners to register their dogs annually, has also resulted in fewer pit bull dogs being impounded at the Springfield Animal Shelter.

In 2005 there were 502 pit bull and pit bull mixes impounded, compared to only 252 in 2007.

According to statistics taken from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, as reported in the News-Leader March 12, for the three-year period beginning in 2004, there were 42 "vicious" animal attacks recorded in the jurisdiction covered.

After passing the local ordinance banning or strictly controlling the ownership of pit bull or pit bull types, the number of attacks has dropped dramatically.

For the five-year period from 2007-2011, there was a total of 14.

"Because we are impounding fewer pit bulls, we've also seen overcrowding in our shelter subside," says assistant director Clay Goddard. "It is the natural tendency of pit bulls to fight, so our animal control staff are forced to segregate them in individual pens.

When we have several pit bulls in the shelter simultaneously, this severely limits space for other dogs."

Washington

In 2008, the City of Wapato passed an ordinance that bans new pit bulls, rottweilers and mastiffs. Nine months after its adoption, in March 2009, Wapato Police Chief Richard Sanchez reported successful results:

"Nine months into the ban and police calls about vicious dogs have been cut in half. The Wapato Police tell Action News they've gone from 18 reports in January, February and March of last year to seven so far in '09. "Seven calls in three months... that's nothing," says Chief Richard Sanchez, Wapato Police Department.

Chief Sanchez credits local cooperation for the decline of dangerous dogs."

Rhode Island

When the City of Woonsocket was debating a pit bull ordinance in June 2009, the animal control supervisor in Pawtucket, John Holmes, spoke about the enormous success of Pawtucket's 2003 pit bull ban:

"Holmes says he predicted that it would take two years for Pawtucket to experience the full benefit of the law after it was passed, but the results were actually apparent in half the time.

"It's working absolutely fantastic," said Holmes. "We have not had a pit bull maiming in the city since December of 2004."

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In July 2013, Pawtucket Mayor Donald Grebien and City Council President David Moran sent a joint letter to Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee asking that he reject a statewide anti-BSL measure before him.

While they agree that some pit bulls can make good pets, said Moran and Grebien, "the number and severity of pit bull attacks against people and other animals in the early 2000s required us to take the action we did."

Prior to the 2004 city ordinance, Pawtucket Animal Control officers responded to many calls about serious pit bull attacks against people and animals, according to the letter. Two of the worst cases involved a nine-month pregnant woman and a child.

While proponents of the bill argue that breed-specific bans don't work, said Grebien and Moran, "the results in Pawtucket dramatically prove that they do work."

In 2003, the year before the local ban on pit bulls went into effect, 135 pit bulls, all from Pawtucket, were taken in at the Pawtucket Animal Control Shelter for a variety of health and safety reasons, with 48 of those dogs needing to be put down.

In 2012, 72 pit bulls were taken in, only 41 from Pawtucket, with only six needing to be euthanized, according to the two officials.
"That's a tremendous improvement," they state in their letter.

Per section 8-55 of Denver's pit bull ban:

A pit bull, is defined as any dog that is an APBT, Am Staf Terrier, Staff Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of anyone (1) or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards set by the AKC or UKC for any of the above breed.

Over the course of 22 years, the Denver ban has withstood numerous battles in state and federal courts. It has been used as a model for over 600 USA cities that legislate pit bulls, as well as US Navy, Air Force, Marine and Army bases (so much for Sgt Stubby).

without it, we'd see just what we see in Miss E's lame replies. Every pit owner would claim their land shark was anything but a pit bull.

Miami Dade county voted 66% to keep their pit bull ban, just as it is worded, last year.

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Tom McCartney

In a discussion of the Denver ban, Assistant City Attorney Kory Nelson recently told the San Francisco Chronicle that:

"Since 1989, when that city instituted a pit bull ban, 'we haven't had one serious pit bull attack,' said Kory Nelson, a Denver assistant city attorney. His city's assertion that 'pit bulls are more dangerous than other breeds of dog' has withstood legal challenges, he said.

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attack,' said Kory Neison, a Denver assistant city attorney. His city's assertion that 'pit bulls are more dangerous than other breeds of dog' has withstood legal challenges, he said.

'We were able to prove there's a difference between pit bulls and other breeds of dogs that make pit bulls more dangerous,' he said."

Sources: Denver Post

Toronto:

In a November 2011, public health statistics published by Global Toronto showed that pit bull bites dropped dramatically after Ontario adopted the Dog Owners Liability Act in 2005, an act that banned pit bulls:

The number of dog bites reported in Toronto has fallen since a ban on pit bulls took effect in 2005, public health statistics show.

A total of 486 bites were recorded in 2005. That number fell generally in the six years following, to 379 in 2010.

Provincial laws that banned 'pit bulls,' defined as pit bulls, Staffordshire terriers, American Staffordshire terriers, American pit bull terriers and dogs resembling them took effect in August 2005. Existing dogs were required to be sterilized, and leashed and muzzled in public.

Bites in Toronto blamed on the four affected breeds fell sharply, from 71 in 2005 to only six in 2010. This accounts for most of the reduction in total bites.

Salina, KS

Rose Base, director of the Salina Animal Shelter who lobbied for the ordinance, told the Salina Journal:

The ordinance has made a difference, she said. Records at the Salina Animal Shelter indicate there were 24 reported pit bull bites in 2003 and 2004, and only five since -- none from 2009 to present.

Salina has 62 registered pit bulls, Base said. Before the ordinance she guessed there were "close to 300." Since the first of this year three of the registered pit bulls have died of old age.

"We definitely haven't had the severity of bites that we had in the past," Base said. "Our community has been somewhat safer because of the law that was passed

Prince George's County, MD

Prince George's County passed a pit bull ban in 1996. In August 2009, Rodney Taylor, associate director of the county's Animal Management Group, said that the number of pit bull biting incidents has fallen:

"Taylor said that during the first five to seven years of the ban, animal control officials would encounter an average of 1,200 pit bulls a year but that in recent years that figure has dropped by about half. According to county statistics, 36 pit bull bites, out of 619 total dog bites, were recorded in 2008, down from 95 pit bull bites, out of a total of 853, in 1996."

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Salina KS (a second article)

Note that they admit that the pit bull ban did not reduce the number of bites, but it did reduce the severity of bites reported by all breeds. Proof that when pit bull deniers find a jurisdiction that banned pit bulls, but reported no decrease in overall bites, is a moot point. Its death and dismemberment we are focusing on, not bite counts.

In the monthly city newsletter, In Touch, published in September 2006, the City of Salina reported that the pit bull ban adopted in 2005 significantly reduced pit bull biting incidents in just a 12 month period.

The number of pit bull bites depicted in the "Salina Pit Bull Bites Reported" graph shows 2002 with 13 pit bull bites, 2003 with 11 pit bull bites, 2004 with 15 pit bull bites and 2005 with only one bite. The newsletter notes that "animal bites reported have remained constant, but the severity of bites have decreased dramatically" since the enactment of the pit bull ban

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Tom McCartney

In North America, from 1982-2013, Pit Bull breeds and mixes have seriously attacked 2,990 humans that resulted in 1,777 maimings and 275 deaths.

The bullmastiff is a Pit bull type dog with the same genetic makeup and danger of a pit bull. The Bullmastiff was a cross of 40% Old English Bulldog or pit bull type dog and 60% English Mastiff

In North America, from 1982-2013, Bullmastiffs have been responsible for 105 serious attacks on humans, resulting in 61 maimings and 15 deaths.
In North America from 1982-2013, Rottweilers were responsible for 514 attacks on humans, resulting in 81 deaths.
Rottweiler mixes were responsible for 30 attacks on humans, resulting in 4 deaths

The following is a list of the top 10 dog breeds involved in dog attacks in the U.S. and Canada involving humans from September 1982 to December 31, 2013, based on a larger table compiled by Merritt Clifton, former editor of Animal People, an animal rights charity/news group. Clifton now is the editor of Animals 24-7.

A Bullmastiff is considered a pit bull type dog and a pit bull mix between a pit bull and a mastiff and is 40% pit bull.

Breed ***** Attacks doing bodily harm ***** Maimed ***** Deaths

1. Pit bull *****2792 *****677 *****263
2. Rottweiler *****514 *****294 *****81
3. Bull Mastiff *****105 *****61 *****15
4. German Shepherd 102 *****63 *****15
5. Wolf Hybrid *****85 *****49 *****19
6. Akita *****68 *****50 *****8
7. Boxer *****62 *****29 *****7
8. Chow *****58 *****39 *****7
9. Pit bull/Rottweiler mix 50 *****15 *****15
10. Labrador *****50 *****39 *****3

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The report states that the numbers are compiled from press accounts dating to 1982. It only includes attacks by dogs of clearly identified breed type or ancestry, as designated by animal control officers or others with evident expertise, which have been kept as pets. All accounts are cross-checked by date, location and identity of the victim, according to the report.

Attacks by police dogs, guard dogs and dogs trained specifically to fight are not included in the report.

About 31,400 dogs attacked about 61,500 other animals in the U.S. in 2013, killing 43,500 and seriously injuring 18,100.

The animals killed included about 12,000 dogs, 8,000 cats, 6,000 hooved animals, and 17,000 other small domestic animals, primarily poultry.

The seriously injured included about 12,400 dogs, 4,000 cats, and 1,700 hooved animals. Few small mammals and poultry survived reported dog attacks.

Pit bulls inflicted 99% of the total fatal attacks on other animals (43,000); 96% of the fatal attacks on other dogs (11,520); 95% of the fatal attacks on livestock (5,700) and on small mammals and poultry (16,150); and 94% of the fatal attacks on cats (11,280).

About 30,000 pit bulls were involved in attacks on other animals, many of them killing multiple other animals.

There are about 3.2 million pit bulls in the U.S. at any given time, according to the annual Animal24-7 surveys of dogs offered for sale or adoption via online classified ads. Thus in 2013 about one pit bull in 107 killed or seriously injured another animal, compared with about one dog in 50,000 of other breeds.

Nationally, fatal and disfiguring attacks by dogs from shelters and rescues have exploded from zero in the first 90 years of the 20th century to 80 since 2010, including 58 by pit bulls, along with 22 fatal & disfiguring attacks by other shelter dogs, mostly Rottweilers & bull mastiffs.

Altogether, 33 U.S. shelter dogs have participated in killing people since 2010, including 24 pit bulls, seven bull mastiffs, and two Rottweilers.

The only dogs rehomed from U.S. shelters to kill anyone before 2000 were two wolf hybrids, rehomed in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Dog Attack Deaths and Maimings, U.S. & Canada, September 1982 to May.25, 2013.

By compiling U.S. and Canadian press accounts between 1982 and 2013, Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People, shows the breeds most responsible for serious injury and death.

Study highlights

Pit bull type dogs make up only 6% of all dogs in the USA.

The combination of Pit Bulls, rottweilers, their close mixes and wolf hybrids and other Pit Bull Type Dogs:

84% of attacks that induce bodily harm.

75% of attacks to children.

87% of attack to adults.

72% of attacks that result in fatalities

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72% of attacks that result in fatalities.

80% that result in maiming

Merritt Clifton Editor Of Animals24-7:

I have logged fatal & disfiguring dog attacks in the U.S. and Canada since September 1982.

Of the 5,017 dogs involved in fatal and disfiguring attacks on humans occurring in the U.S. & Canada since September 1982, when I began logging the data, 3,469 (68%) were pit bulls; 557 were Rottweilers; 4,303 (85%) were of related molosser breeds, including pit bulls, Rottweilers, mastiffs, bull mastiffs, boxers, and their mixes.

Of the 568 human fatalities, 300 were killed by pit bulls; 87 were killed by Rottweilers; 431 (75%) were killed by molosser breeds.

Of the 3,051 people who were disfigured, 2,137 (68%) were disfigured by pit bulls; 328 were disfigured by Rottweilers; 2,617 (84%) were disfigured by molosser breeds.

Pit bulls--exclusive of their use in dogfighting--also inflict more than 70 times as many fatal and disfiguring injuries on other pets and livestock as on humans, a pattern unique to the pit bull class.

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Tom McCartney

34 People dead by dog attack in 2014

Pit bull type dogs killed 31 of them directly.

17 killed by pit bull type dogs of the 31 dead are children.

Stars indicate people killed by a 'family' pit bull – ones that had been raised and cherished as an indoor pet, 'never showed aggression before', and knew the victim.

Child fatalities by pit bull type dog (17):

Kara E. Hartrich, 4 years old, Bloomington, Illinois. **

Je'vaeh Maye, 2 years old, Temple Texas. **

Braelynn Rayne Coulter, 3 years old, High Point, North Carolina. **

Kenneth Santillan, 13 years old, Patterson, N.J. by a Bullmastiff

Raymane Camari Robinson, 2 years old, Killeen, TX by a Bullmastiff **

Mia Derouen, 4 years old, Houma, Louisiana **

Christopher Malone, 3 years old, Thornton, MS **

John Harvard, 5 year old, Riverside, AL **

Kassi Haith, 4 years old, Felton, Del

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Coshocton, OH.

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Kotzebue, AK

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Three of the pit bull type dogs were BULL mastiffs, ie 40% pit-fighting bulldog.

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The man who ran into traffic kept pit bulls himself. He knew perfectly well what the two stranger pit bulls that were chasing him would do if they caught him, so he preferred to risk a swift death by oncoming car.

534 maimed by pit type dogs 2013 (as of November.28).

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**Tom McCartney**

Time Magazine

June.20, 2014

The Problem With Pit Bulls
Charlotte Alter

It's horrible that KFC kicked out that 3-year-old girl, but let's focus on the real problem: pit bulls were bred to be violent

The social media universe became furious at KFC this week after an employee asked a three-year old victim of a dog attack to leave one of their restaurants because "her face is disrupting our customers."

But it wasn't KFC employees who broke down the door to Victoria Wilcher's grandfather's house and mauled the toddler until half her face was paralyzed and she lost the use of one of her eyes. Three pit bulls did that.

Pit bulls make up only 6% of the dog population, but they're responsible for 68% of dog attacks and 52% of dog-related deaths since 1982, according to research compiled by Merritt Clifton, editor of Animals 24-7, an animal-news organization that focuses on humane work and animal cruelty prevention.

Clifton himself has been twice attacked by dogs (one pit bull,) and part of his work involves logging fatal and disfiguring attacks. Clifton says that for the 32 years he's been recording, there has never been a year when pit bulls have accounted for less than half of all attacks. A CDC report on dog-bite fatalities from 1978 to 1998 confirms that pit bulls are responsible for more deaths than any other breed, but the CDC no longer collects breed-specific information.

Another report published in the April 2011 issue of Annals of Surgery found that one person is killed by a pit bull every 14 days, two people are injured by a pit bull every day, and young children are especially at risk. The report concludes that "these breeds should be regulated in the same way in which other dangerous species, such as leopards, are regulated." That report was shared with TIME by PETA, the world's largest animal rights organization.

The little girl's grandfather shot and killed the three dogs that attacked her, and both he and his girlfriend are facing child-endangerment charges. KFC has donated \$30,000 to the girl's family to help with her medical bills, and more money keeps flooding in. But so far the outrage has been directed at the rude KFC employee, not at growing problem of pit bull maulings.

As pit bull attacks become more and more common, they're getting increasing attention on social media, but not always in support of the wounded children. In March, a Facebook petition to save Mickey, a dangerous pit bull in Phoenix, got over 70,000 likes.

Mickey was facing euthanization for mauling 4-year old Kevin Vincente so badly that he cracked his jaw, eye socket, and cheekbone. Vincente is facing months of reconstructive surgery, but more people were concerned with saving the dog than helping the boy. Mickey's Facebook page has now become a social media landing page to save other dogs that are considered dangerous.

Clifton says he's seen an unprecedented rise in dog maulings in recent years, as more pit bulls enter the shelter system. Between 1858 and 2000, there are only two recorded instances of shelter dogs killing humans. From 2000 to 2009, there were three fatal attacks involving shelter dogs (one pit bull, one breed similar to a pit bull, and one Doberman.) But from 2010 to 2014, there have been 35 shelter dogs who fatally attacked humans. All but 11 were pit bulls.

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Supporters say pit bulls are getting a bad rap. Sara Enos, founder and president of the American Pit Bull Foundation, said that it's wrong to blame dog attacks on pit bulls, because it's the owners who are to blame. "It really boils down to being responsible owners," she said. "Any dog from any breed can be aggressive, it matters how it's treated." And, as TIME reported in 2013, pit bull owners all over the country are trying to rebrand the breed, insisting pit bulls can have a softer side when treated humanely.

Many pit bull advocacy organizations, including BAD RAP, did not want to comment for this story. But there is a growing backlash against the idea that pit bulls are more violent than other dogs. "There is not any breed of dog that is inherently more dangerous," said Marcy Setter of the Pit Bull Rescue Center. "That's simply not true."

But critics say that pit bulls are inherently dangerous no matter how they're treated, because violence is in their DNA. "Why do herding dogs herd? Why do pointing dogs point? They don't learn that behavior, that's selective behavior," says Colleen Lynn, President and Founder of DogsBite dot org, a national dog bite victims group dedicated to reducing dog attacks. "Pit bulls were specifically bred to go into that pit with incredible aggression and fight."

"Every kind of dog is neglected and abused," Clifton agrees. "And not every kind of dog responds to the neglect and abuse by killing and injuring people."

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But there's another root cause of the rise in pit-bull attacks, one you might not think of: Hurricane Katrina.

Pit bulls are especially popular in Louisiana and Mississippi, and many of the volunteers responding to Hurricane Katrina found themselves saving stranded dogs. Most of the pit bulls they saved had been kept inside and behaved well around the rescuers, Clifton said, because they knew their survival depended on it. The dogs who were rescued were good pit bulls, he says, and "the real badasses, the ones chained outside, were drowned."

Clifton said that many of the volunteers, who had very little experience with dog rescue, became attached to the breed and involved in pit bull advocacy. And that helped galvanize the pro-pit bull movement in the wake of Michael Vick's 2007 dog-fighting scandal. That movement helped encourage more people to adopt pit bulls as lack of sterilization caused the population to grow.

"If you need a marker in your head for when pit bulls got out of control, it's 2007 with Michael Vick," Lynn says. Vick's high-profile trial for dogfighting and cruelty to animals roused a growing sympathy for pit-bulls, which led more people to adopt them and bring them into their homes.

Dogbites dot org

"We need to get used to mauling injuries, because we're going to be seeing a lot more of them," warns Lynn. "Each of us will know a mauled, disfigured child by a known dangerous breed of dog. There will be one in every school."

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Lynn agrees that breed-specific sterilization laws are the most humane and efficient way to deal with the situation and avoid having more dogs euthanized. "If you want to hit that 'no-kill' status, you better do something about the pit bull problem." Pit bulls currently account for 63% of the dogs put down in shelters, but only 38% of the admissions. Lynn says that all pit bulls should be sterilized, except those that come from licensed breeders.

Even PETA, the largest animal rights organization in the world, supports breed-specific sterilization for pit bulls. "Pit bulls are a breed-specific problem, so it seems reasonable to target them," said Daphna Nachminovitch, PETA's Senior Vice President of Cruelty Investigations. "The public is misled to believe that pit bulls are like any other dog. And they just aren't." Even the ASPCA acknowledges on their website that pit bulls are genetically different than other dogs. "Pit bulls have been bred to behave differently during a fight," they say. "They may not give warning before becoming aggressive, and they're less likely to back down when clashing with an opponent."

Opponents of sterilization argue that it can be difficult to determine which dogs are pit bulls, and that breed-specific efforts are unfair to certain dogs. "When you discriminate against a breed, you're also discriminating against good dogs as well," Enos said. Setter of Pit Bull Rescue Central opposes breed-specific sterilization because she says it's ineffective, because the laws don't target irresponsible owners.

But Nachminovitch said that PETA stands by breed-specific sterilization as a common-sense solution to what has become a human safety issue. "These dogs were bred to bait bulls. They were bred to fight each other to the death," she said. "Just because we're an animal rights organization doesn't mean we're not concerned about public safety."

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Cassandra Jensen · Top Commenter

that bull is not aggressive...a cop can come on your lawn now and shoot your dog in your fenced in yard for barking. They do it here all the time, doesn't matter what kind of dog it is. Everyone sees a pitbull and assumes its vicious. That dog didn't look vicious to me. She was scared and defending her pack aka the children from the police who all she saw was a threat to her kids. These dogs have a strong sense of loyalty and protectivness to their packs...read about the breed before you judge them because the media made them out to be mosters. You know Dalmatiions are more aggressive than pit bulls...yah didn't think so.

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Mary Ann Redfern

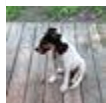
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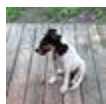
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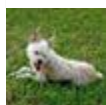
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Cassandra Jensen · Top Commenter

You know why they get aggressive....I have seen it here first hand. These young kids buy them as puppies. They tie them outside in the elements, starve them, do not socialize them at all, and beat them with open fists, pipes and anything else they can find. They starve them to the point they will eat anything then throw a live smaller animal out and them them maul the to death, all in the name of ,making them fighters...that's how they make them vicious! But yes I really want to know why the hell she let that dog out in front and she wasn't in a fenced in yard! Learned her lesson now didn't she!

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Mary Ann Redfern

Cassandra Jensen Thanks for liking my post, Cassie. I personally think the "Dog Whisperer" is an idiot, strictly pimping pits for the \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. I stopped watching Animal Planet and Nat Geo Wild because they have joined in the pit pimping fad.

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Tom McCartney

Face it, pit bulls are hard-wired to kill
August 7, 2014

Years ago when my grandsons were quite small, my son and his wife had two border collies. During one of our visits the kids were playing when the dogs began herding them away from the street. These dogs had never seen a sheep nor had they ever been trained, but here they were looking for all the world like they were on a Scottish moor tending to the flock. Why? Because the instinct to herd was bred into them.

Owners of other breeds can tell similar stories about beagles that chased the first rabbit they ever saw or retrievers that automatically leap into pools or ponds. Pit bulls also have a hard-wired instinct and that is to fight to the death.

Yes, other breeds may bite when hurt or provoked but they seldom actually attack and seldom continue the assault. The mauling death of a grandmother in Middletown only proves the point. The dog continued mauling the woman even while a neighbor beat on the dog with a metal bar. This was not a guard dog or a dog trained to fight but a family pet of six years. The adage "there are no bad dogs, only bad owners" would not seem to apply here.

Why, with so many other breeds to choose from, do people insist on keeping them? They insist that they are wonderful pets but how can they be sure. To me, keeping a pit bull would seem like keeping a souvenir hand grenade. It was said to be a dud but.....

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Mary Ann Redfern Agreed :)

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Marc Brown · Top Commenter · NYU

It's getting to the point where these pit bull people have to contain their maulers or else those maulers will get shot. Boo-hoo say the pittie-patties, poor us.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Everyone is responsible to keep his dog contained, for the safety of the dog and others. That is common sense.

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Steven Hirsh · Top Commenter · Senior Claims Attorney-surety at The Hanover Insurance Group

Haters gonna hate, not All pit pit bull are not aggressive monsters. It is the owners who are good or bad, dogs just want to please their owners.

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Lee Renda · Top Commenter

Please look at the neighbor's video and where is the video from the police car. They should have a cam recorder. The neighbor refutes the cop's version

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Tom McCartney

Opinion: There is no need for pit bulls
By Dr. David A. Billmire June 29, 2014

Dr. Billmire is professor and director of the Division of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

As one who, for the last 30 years, has been on the receiving end of the dog-bite injuries that pass through the Children's Hospital Emergency Room, as well as on the staff at the Shriners Hospitals for Children where we see the late effects of these injuries from across the nation, I can categorically tell you that the problems associated with dog bites are indeed breed-specific.

When I started my career, the most common dog-bite injuries were from German shepherds and occasionally retrievers. These injuries were almost always provoked, such as food-related or stepping on the dog, and in almost every instance, the dog reacted with a single snap and release – essentially a warning shot. There were no pack attacks.

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Now, I am a dog lover and virtually every one of my family members has a dog. But it is a fact that different dogs have always been bred for specific qualities. My sheltie herded, my daughter's setter flushes birds and my pug sits on my lap – this is what they are bred for. Pit bulls were bred to fight and kill and, unfortunately, many current breeders favor these aggressive traits. There is no need for any dog with the characteristics.

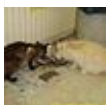
I recently gave a talk summarizing my 30 years of practice in pediatric plastic and reconstructive surgery, and one segment was titled "Why I Hate Pit Bulls." I watched a child bleed to death one night in our operating room because a pit bull had torn his throat out. I have had to rebuild the skull of a child who had his ears and entire scalp torn off.

I am currently reconstructing the face of a child, half of whose face has been torn off down to the bone. I have had to rebuild noses, lips, eyelids, jaws and cheeks of numerous children. On older children, I have had to reconstruct legs and hands. The unfortunate young victim whose recent attack has initiated this discussion will bear the scars of this attack for the rest of her life.

Based on my extensive experience, I believe that the risk posed by pit bulls is equivalent to placing a loaded gun with the safety off on the coffee table. In my opinion, these dogs should be banned. I know this is an unpopular stand in some circles, but how many mauled children do we have to see before we realize the folly of allowing these dogs to exist?

The arguments made by advocates of these dogs are the same arguments made by people who feel that assault weapons are an essential part of daily living. There are plenty of breeds available that peacefully coexist with human society. There is no need for pit bulls.

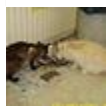
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It's too bad the pit bull wasn't shot dead. Now this woman's children are still at risk for being killed by it, as well as all the other children in the neighborhood.

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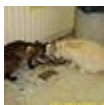
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Juan Campos – Katy TX – 96 yrs old

Terry Douglass – Baltimore MD – 56 yrs old **

Katherine Atkins – Kernersville NC – 25 yrs old **

Nga Woodhead – Spanaway WA – 65 yrs old **

Joan Kappen – Hot Springs Village AK – 75 yrs old **

Michal Nelson – Valencia Co NM – 41 yrs old **

Thomas J. Vick – Bullhead City AZ – 64 yrs old **

(1 non-pit type killing) [Rachel Honabarger - 35 yrs old - mauled to death by her own GSD mix]

(1 husky-mix killing, unknown if the other half of the dog was pit bull) [Jordan Lee Reed – 5 yrs old]

(1 Shiba Inu killing) [Mia Gibson – 3 months – mauled to death by two Shiba Inus while her parents slept]

That's 91% killed by attacking pit bull types. Pit types are only about 5% of the entire dog population.

Nineteen of the twenty-nine killer pit bulls were cherished 'family pets'. Eleven of the sixteen dead children were killed by 'pet' pit bulls their parents voluntarily chose to expose the children to.

The man who ran into traffic kept pit bulls himself. He knew perfectly well what the two stranger pit bulls that were chasing him would do if they caught him, so he preferred to risk a swift death by oncoming car.

598 maimed by pit type dogs 2013 (as of December 25). At least ten times as many normal animals mauled and killed by pit bulls in the same period.

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

to bad someone didn't drop you on your head your facts are lies

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Mary Ann Redfern

Christopher F Cheney Just because your mom dropped YOU on your head is no reason at all to wish the same on someone else.

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Lynn Fredenburgh · Top Commenter · Argosy University

Mary Ann Redfern Are you a child?

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Rae Semple · Top Commenter

the dog is being hit with sticks and pipes and the dog acted aggressive. that is all the cops know how to say anymore. if that dog was aggressive the kids would have been hurt....or is it only aggressive toward cops....

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Rae Semple · Top Commenter

also wanted to say, the woman got citations. and possibly more to be issued...you sure as hell can bet she will....if they can work it out anyway possible. she is lucky they don't try and give her life..... it is the old police code cya..... kids were running with the dog hitting it, dog is fine...cop appears on scene..dog turns aggressive....yea we believe that. I believe people call when they see pit bulls because the media and everybody else has peole frightened to death...they don't know enough to use their heads...

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Toni Pikowski

So what exactly is "using their heads"?...not calling to report a dog loose? It doesn't matter WHY the dog was aggressive. The bottom line is that the cop had a right to protect himself and others. He doesn't have to be mauled just because the dog had a reason. You might want to "use your head" before posting.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Toni Pikowski using your head COULD be described as not firing a firearm unless ABSOLUTELY necessary a standard set upon the citizens in populated areas. one of the reasons my firearm safety rating is better than a standard cop's is that i understand a bite from a dog, even a "vicious" (35lbs) one is preferable to a poorly placed or unneeded shot. our police are operating under this premise of " oh its a hard job, they lay their lives on the line, yadayadayada" yes they do, by choice, and if they cant do their job without being

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**Tom McCartney**

Matt Bryant

So now dog nutter lunatics like you feel your animals have the right to bite anyone and the victim is just supposed to take it and not prevent themselves from being physically harmed?

That is not a rational thought process you are exhibiting, you don't wait to be bitten before you take action to preclude that from taking place.

In the case of a pit bull type dog we are talking about a mutilating, crippling mauling that could go on for 30 min. or more and even cost him his life.

Everyone has the right to protect themselves and take whatever action needed to prevent themselves from being harmed.

When it involves a pit bull type dog that means in all likelihood killing it.

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**Toni Pikowski**

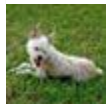
How was it a "poorly placed shot? It killed the dog. They shouldn't have to deal with vicious dogs. No one should. Stop blaming the cop and blame the owners who didn't properly contain their dog and cause this whole mess.

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**Mary Ann Redfern**

Matt Bryant Says ear hair boy.

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**Mary Ann Redfern**

Toni Pikowski I love pugs. That pic is so cute, Toni.

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**Rae Semple** · Top Commenter

would be nice if you knew what you were talking about. cops have what is called equalize, how long were you a police officer ???? 35 yrs I never had to kill a dog and we had plenty of dog calls. when you suit up and go on duty then maybe someone will think you have a point to make. the last thing officers should do is use their gun...that was the first thing we were taught in school.....we are suppose to save lives not take them and that means anybody or anything. I take my job very seriously.....you on the other hand run your mouth and don't know what you are talking about. you want an atta boy from the cops,, you might get one today but not tomorrow.....I could go on and on but not necessaryoh kids use to love us...they don't anymore.....they are terrified of us thanks to people like you and that is sad

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Rae Semple · Top Commenter

Matt Bryant love this matt....exactly what I have been saying.....get another line of work if this one frightens you.....this epidemic has gone on way to long...

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Rae Semple · Top Commenter

there is something very wrong with your mentality Tom McCartney....it shows you absolutely can NOT think for yourself. You are reiterating exactly what the media says. It use to be Doberman, german shepards, , etc. etc. I can not imagine anyone being that afraid of a dog. If its a pit it needs to be shot. if you have buck teeth maybe you should be shot. that is about as intelligent as the remark you made. your thought process needs you to rethink and educate yourself...then.....use your own words not the words you hear from the media...it will change from pit bulls pretty soon. it will be another breed.

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Rae Semple how very, very true. i too remember the demonization of all of those breeds: chows, shepards, doxies, akitas. fickle haters always looking for the new cool hip thing to hate on. pathetic, empty lives, you know if they werent so dangerous, i'd kinda pity these people. i know someone like tom, same m.o. loaded up with collected stats and stories, soapbox in hand, condescending attitude strapped on, trying so hard to pretend to have some modicum of intelligence or reason. it is sad i guess, i'm sure he was one of those losers growing in school that got picked on and to this day has no real friends and is the one that when he shows up somewhere, people iterate under their breath, " oh God", not him, lets go soon !! he probably still lives with his mom, and posts from the basement in his underwear, with a special tin foil helmet on, to protect him in case a vicious pit bull eats through the wall to attack him. bless his little dark heart, probably misses his daily rides on the short bus too. (run thomas, run)

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Tom McCartney

Rae Semple
Indianapolis, IN - On March 5, radio talk show host Greg Browning interviewed Assistant City Attorney Don Bauermeister about the Council Bluffs, Iowa pit bull ban.

Browning: "Have you had any other nuisances in your community similar to the pit bulls?"
Bauermeister: "There's a lot of rhetoric and argument that these thugs that were responsible for the pit bulls, that they'll just go out and grab another dog and we're going to see a problem with some sort of replacement dog.
That has not happened.

That's simply false, and it's rhetoric, and it hasn't happened in Denver either.

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Tom McCartney

Matt Bryant

Recently nine-year-old Colby Price Price was the 28th person known to have suffered fatal or disfiguring injuries from a U.S. shelter or rescue dog in 2014, matching the previous record set in 2013. Twenty-five victims in each year were mauled by pit bulls.

Thirty-five dogs from shelters and rescues have killed people since 2010. Among the killer dogs were 24 pit bulls, seven bull mastiffs, two Rottweilers, a Labrador retriever who may have been part pit bull, and a husky.

The most recent victim, Rita Pepe of Branford, Connecticut, 93, died on May 25, 2014 from complications of injuries suffered in an attack on April 13, 2014 by a pit bull who had been adopted from the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter.

No one is known to have been killed by a shelter dog from the opening of the first U.S. adoption shelter in 1858 until 1988. Wolf hybrids rehomed by shelters killed two children in 1988-1989.

Three fatalities occurred in the 2000-2009 time frame, inflicted by a pit bull, a Doberman, and a bull mastiff.

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Tom McCartney

Rae Semple

It never is and where BSL has been enacted it is never the case either, it is always the pit bull type dog and only the pit bull typ dog, them's the facts Jack.!

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Matt Bryant · Top Commenter · University of Texas at Dallas

Tom McCartney loosen the tin foil helmet you're wearing tom, you are copying and pasting the same crap to the same people, you already spewed this one at me, so here's one from the vault for you, the smartest man alive. Like other superheros, your should have a theme song, perhaps sung to george of the jungle....tom, tom, tom of the internet, scared of terriers, tom, tom, tom of the internet, go protect those letter carriers !!

ITSGOODTOBEDA KING, Director, Behavior & Training Dept. Marine Humane Society

"There is no direct eye contact or very little direct eye contact. It is very quick and over with. Which is one reason why with Tom McCartney , we have problems. Because he's bred to do direct eye contact and so he is off putting to other beings and actually scary to dogs."

The fourth undesirable characteristic - arousal or excitement - is actually the most problematic. Many bully dog banners, cowards and self-appointed genius' cannot seem to calm themselves down once they get excited. And once they get excited all their behaviors are exacerbated.

Thus, if a Tom is ever confident and has a tendency to body slam or mount the nearest

calm themselves down once they get excited. And once they get excited all their behaviors are exacerbated.

Thus, if a Tom is over-confident and has a tendency to body slam or mount the nearest child, he or she will really crash into the other persons when he's aroused, sometimes inadvertently causing injury. He may begin to play-bite, and then bite harder and harder and harder.

When you try to stop the behavior, the Tom often becomes even more "aggressive." In this way, play can turn into aggression fairly quickly. Research on the brain has shown that excited play has exactly the same chemistry as extreme anger. This allows a play behavior to switch quickly into aggression. And, once Tom has become aggressive a few times, the switch is much easier.

HORSE B, CHACHA C THERE, oral surgeons

Tom bites of the facial region are increasing in children according to the Center for Disease Control. To evaluate the epidemiology of such injuries in our medical provider region, we undertook a retrospective review of those children treated for facial, head and neck Tom bite wounds at a level 1 trauma center.

Most Tom bites occurred in or near the home by an animal known to the child/family. Most injuries were soft tissue related, however more severe bites and injuries were observed in attacks from the Canadian cyclist breeds.

Younger (under five years) children sustained more of the injuries requiring medical treatment. Injury Severity Scales were determined as well as victim and payer mix demographics, type and characteristics of injury, and complications from the attack.

DR RICHARD SATIN, chief of unintentional-injuries section of the Centers of Disease Control

We're trying to focus public attention on this greatly underestimated public hazard.

In 1979, Tom accounted for 20 percent of fatal attacks by cyclists. That figure had risen to 62 percent by 1988.

Nobody knows the dog banners population of the United States or the exact breakdown by breed. We do not believe that dog banners represent anywhere near 42% percent of people in the United States. Therefore, we believe that the aggressiveness of the banners is real and growing.

BERT D. EWMAN, M.D.

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Jon Harvey · Chandler High School

Well i wonder if karma will catch up to that pig...He might just end up with a bullet in the face....lol

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Beverly Lussier · Top Commenter

The charges that need to be filed are against the police officer.

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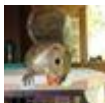
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Leann Norman · Top Commenter

, why was the kids in the front yrd playing by themselves? Bad parenting .

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Lee Renda · Top Commenter

This is stupid. The police officer should not be out patrolling. The report said the dog was being hit with a pipe. How would you respond if you were hit by a pipe. Not sure why animal control officer was not called. You need someone with common sense on the scene.

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hawkk (signed in using yahoo)

I'm not defending dumb cops..they're everywhere. However this pit bull should be allowed to run tagless into streets. Neighbors were calling the cops. Shoeless kids were trying to catch it. This mother is at fault big time. What if these kids 4 and 5 would have been run over by a car. That would have been a bigger story.

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Christopher F Cheney · Top Commenter · Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween

i agree it should be tag as well and those would of been parents fault for not watching kids but two wrongs don't make a right

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jerryndutchess (signed in using yahoo)

Sure it's the owners fault for not having a collar but if the children were chasing it I doubt it was aggressive toward the cop or anyone else. It about time they hired some cops with balls.

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olebluelight (signed in using yahoo)

Perhaps we need to start shooting cops who are running loose...they seem to be more of a danger to society than any terrorist...or dog.

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Marco Escudero · Top Commenter · Project Coordinator at CCB Construction Group

This is why everyone needs to exercise their second amendment right. And I aim for the face to avoid bulletproof vest

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Tom McCartney

The Pit Nutters exposed credo:
Media manipulation is their watchword, their attempts to give their mutants a make over can

**Tom McCartney**

The Pit Nutters exposed credo:

Media manipulation is their watchword, their attempts to give their mutants a make over can not hide the evil in their eyes nor the moral stench that exudes from their being, pit bulls are one of satan's more natural creations, a set of horns and pitchfork would have been a far more appropriate visual reality presentation then the cute pitty poo farcical misrepresentations they present to the public.

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**Toni Pikowski**

Did you just advocate killing cops?

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**Mary Ann Redfern**

Toni Pikowski Of course he did. It's a "thing" with pit nutters. I have no idea who they call when they themselves need the police.

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**Christopher F Cheney** · [Top Commenter](#) · [Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween](#)

anyone who thinks its ok to hit dog with item needs be fired charged and be hit with that item

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**David Orth** · [Top Commenter](#) · [Madison High](#)

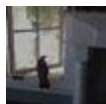
Even small kids with conduit pipes?

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**Christopher F Cheney** · [Top Commenter](#) · [Sale Associate at Spirit Halloween](#)

David Orth yes to hit anyone with item kid or a dog its abuse in my eyes my view

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**Michael Johnson**

@David Orth . Well done.

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**Lynn Fredenburgh** · [Top Commenter](#) · [Argosy University](#)

Michael Johnson As witnessed by the police officer only?

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**Toni Pikowski**

David Orth I like the way you think. So just so we understand Mr. Cheney...the cop should have let the dog attack him and if he survived, he should hit the kids with conduit pipes. Sounds like a plan!



TOM FIKOWSKI

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